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SOUTH AMERICAN
ADVENTURE--
"RIDE, BAT-HOMBRE, RIDE!"

JIMMY'S BIGGEST CHRISTMAS (THANKS TO DAD)
MOTHER, JIMMY AND I ARE GOING CHRISTMAS SHOPPING. I'LL TRY TO FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF A BICYCLE HE WANTS.
BE CAREFUL NOT TO GIVE OUR SURPRISE AWAY.
OH, DAD, LET'S GO IN AND SEE THE BICYCLES!
OKAY, SON.
BICYCLE STORE
LOOK AT THAT BICYCLE! IT SURE IS A BEAUTY!
THAT'S A NEW ROADMASTER. IT'S BUILT JUST LIKE YOUR CAR!
SEE, DAD, THE STOPLIGHT WORKS OFF THE BRAKE, AND IT HAS A POWERFUL SEARCH BEAM HEADLIGHT. THOSE CHROME GOTHIC FENDERS ARE LIKE FENDERS ON 1950 CARS!
THERE WAS NEVER A BICYCLE LIKE THIS WHEN I WAS A KID! IMAGINE A SHOCKMASTER FORK!
XMAS MORNING
MERRY CHRISTMAS, JIMMY!
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WITH
ROBIN
- THE BOY WONDER -
SALUDOS, AMIGOS!
WHO IS THIS BAT-HOMBRE, WHO LASHES OUT WITH A COURAGE AND A DARING EQUALLED ONLY BY HIS NAMESAKE, BATMAN?
AND WHAT ARE BATMAN AND ROBIN DOING IN THE LAND OF THE GAUCHO AND THE WILDEST BANDITS IN THE WORLD?
FOR HIGH ADVENTURE THEN, COME WITH US, AMIGOS, DOWN SOUTH AMERICAN WAY WHERE THE NATIVES CRY...
"RIDE, BAT-HOMBRE, RIDE!"
KILL HIM! KILL THE BAT-HOMBRE!
BOB KANE

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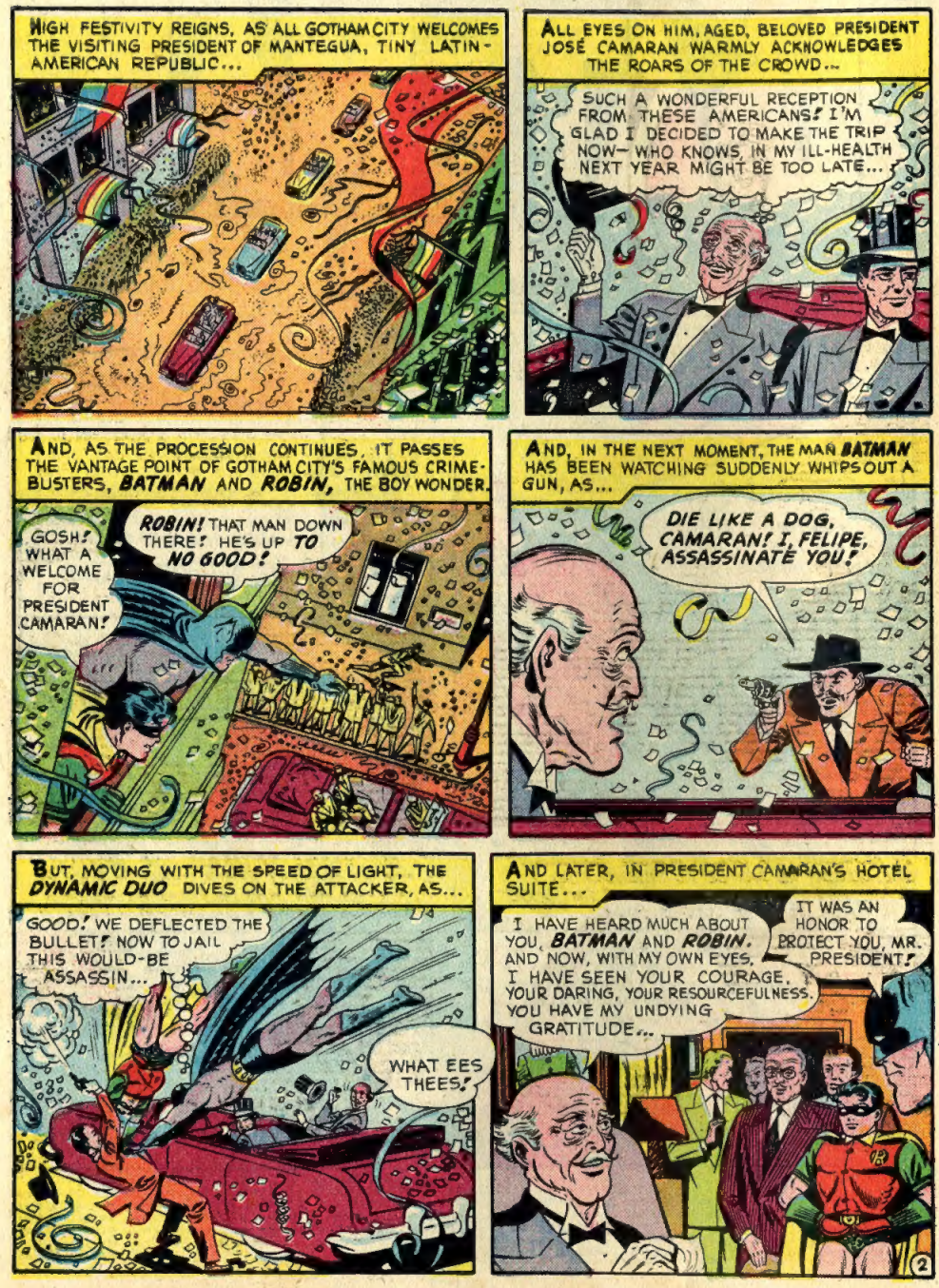
HIGH FESTIVITY REIGNS, AS ALL GOTHAM CITY WELCOMES THE VISITING PRESIDENT OF MANTEGUA, TINY LATIN-AMERICAN REPUBLIC...
ALL EYES ON HIM, AGED, BELOVED PRESIDENT JOSÉ CAMARAN WARMLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE ROARS OF THE CROWD...
SUCH A WONDERFUL RECEPTION FROM THESE AMERICANS! I'M GLAD I DECIDED TO MAKE THE TRIP NOW— WHO KNOWS, IN MY ILL-HEALTH NEXT YEAR MIGHT BE TOO LATE...
AND, AS THE PROCESSION CONTINUES, IT PASSES THE VANTAGE POINT OF GOTHAM CITY'S FAMOUS CRIME-BUSTERS, BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER.
GOSH! WHAT A WELCOME FOR PRESIDENT CAMARAN!
ROBIN! THAT MAN DOWN THERE! HE'S UP TO NO GOOD!
AND, IN THE NEXT MOMENT, THE MAN BATMAN HAS BEEN WATCHING SUDDENLY WHIPS OUT A GUN, AS...
DIE LIKE A DOG, CAMARAN! I, FELIPE, ASSASSINATE YOU!
BUT, MOVING WITH THE SPEED OF LIGHT, THE DYNAMIC DUO DIVES ON THE ATTACKER, AS...
GOOD! WE DEFLECTED THE BULLET! NOW TO JAIL THIS WOULD-BE ASSASSIN...
WHAT EES THEES!
AND LATER, IN PRESIDENT CAMARAN'S HOTEL SUITE...
I HAVE HEARD MUCH ABOUT YOU, BATMAN AND ROBIN. AND NOW, WITH MY OWN EYES, I HAVE SEEN YOUR COURAGE, YOUR DARING, YOUR RESOURCEFULNESS. YOU HAVE MY UNDYING GRATITUDE...
IT WAS AN HONOR TO PROTECT YOU, MR. PRESIDENT!
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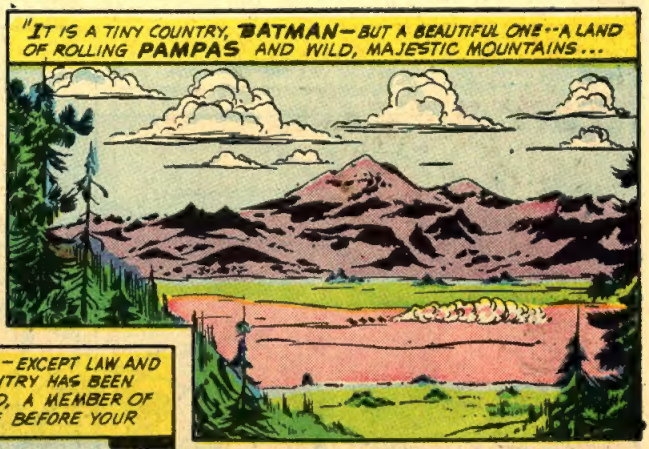
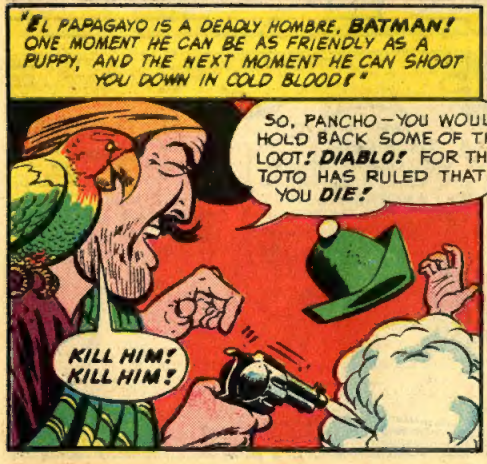
I AM TEMPTED TO ASK OF YOU A GREAT FAVOR, BATMAN! BUT FIRST, I WOULD TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT THE COUNTRY I RULE...

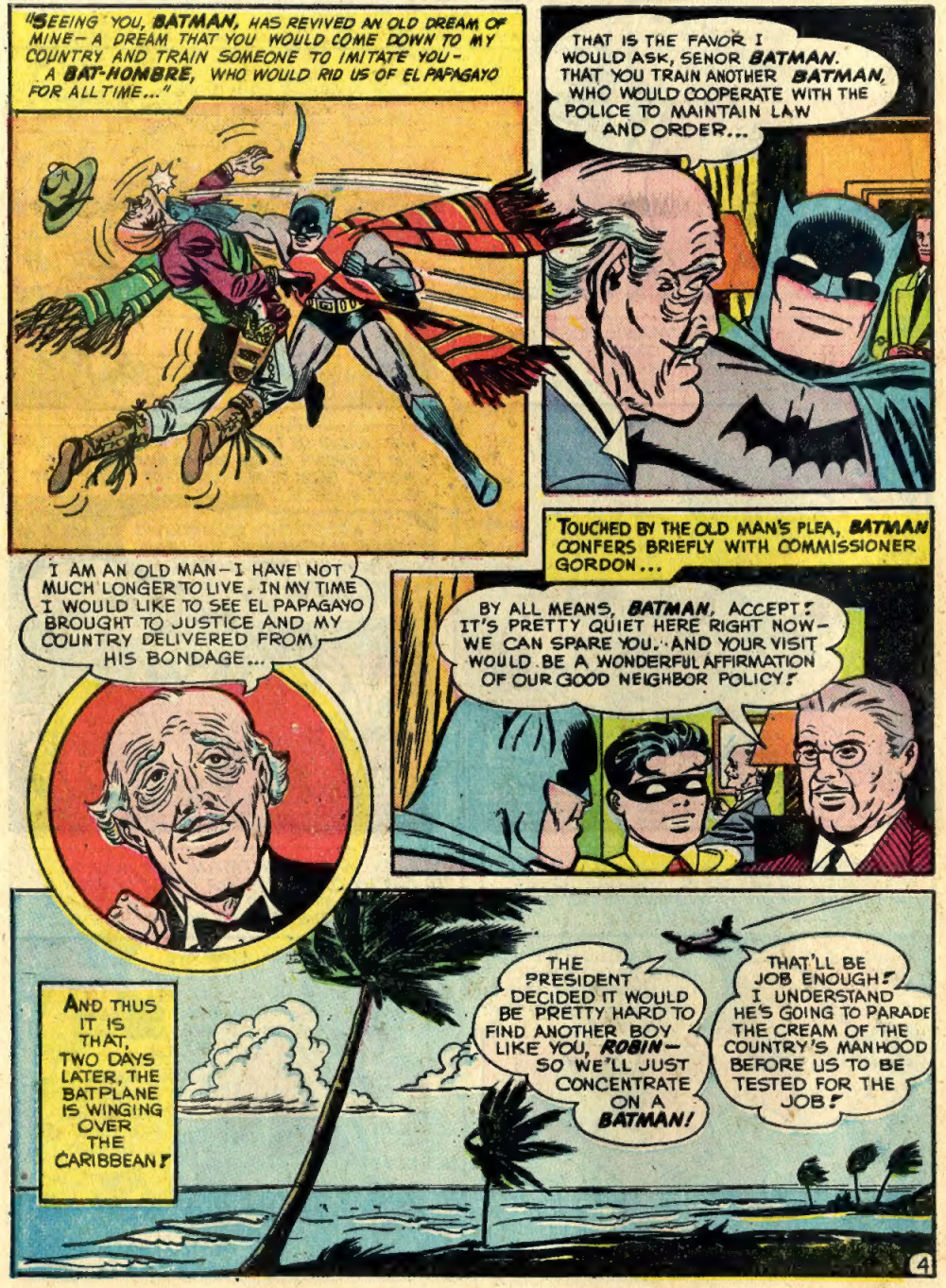

"IT IS A TINY COUNTRY, BATMAN—BUT A BEAUTIFUL ONE--A LAND OF ROLLING PAMPAS AND WILD, MAJESTIC MOUNTAINS...

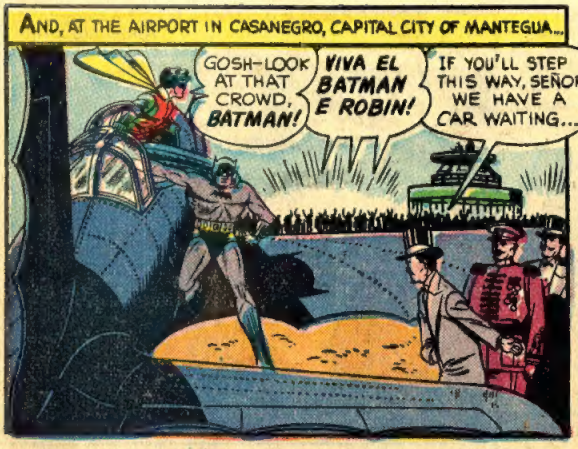
"WE LACK FOR NOTHING, BATMAN—EXCEPT LAW AND ORDER. FOR YEARS NOW, MY COUNTRY HAS BEEN TERRORIZED BY A CRIMINAL BAND, A MEMBER OF WHICH TRIED TO ASSASSINATE ME BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES..."

"THE LEADER OF THIS BAND IS A RUTHLESS OUTLAW WHO IS KNOWN AS EL PAPAGAYO OR, "THE PARROT", BECAUSE OF THE PARROT "TOTO" THAT IS HIS MASCOT..."
HO-HO! PANCHO-YOU HAVE THE LOOT! MAGNIFICO! YOU ARE A REAL AMIGO, PANCHO-REAL AMIGO! YOU ARE LIKE BROTHER TO ME!
GRACIAS, EL PAPAGAYO, GRACIAS!


"EL PAPAGAYO IS A DEADLY HOMBRE, BATMAN! ONE MOMENT HE CAN BE AS FRIENDLY AS A PUPPY, AND THE NEXT MOMENT HE CAN SHOOT YOU DOWN IN COLD BLOOD!"
SO, PANCHO—YOU WOULD HOLD BACK SOME OF THE LOOT! DIABLO! FOR THIS TOTO HAS RULED THAT YOU DIE!
KILL HIM! KILL HIM!

"YOU CAN IMAGINE, BATMAN, HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR MY COUNTRY TO RID ITSELF OF SUCH A VILLAIN—A MAN WHO LETS THE WHIMS OF A BIRD DECIDE THE FATE OF HIS PRISONERS..."
WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THIS ONE, TOTO? DO WE KILL HIM RIGHT NOW?
NO—NOT NOW! NO—NOT NOW!
YOU ARE LUCKY, BEGGAR! TOTO HAS SPARED YOUR LIFE—FOR THE TIME BEING!

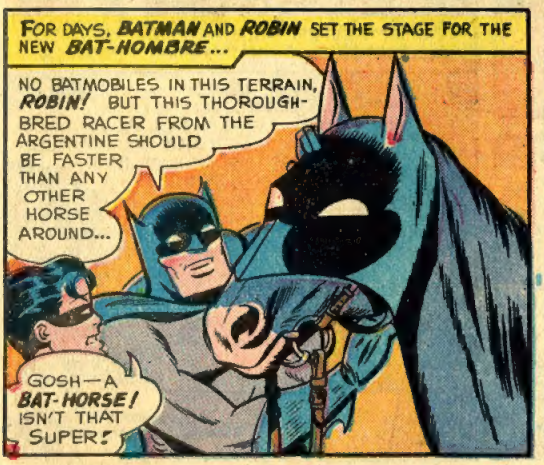

"SEEING YOU, BATMAN, HAS REVIVED AN OLD DREAM OF MINE—A DREAM THAT YOU WOULD COME DOWN TO MY COUNTRY AND TRAIN SOMEONE TO IMITATE YOU—A BAT-HOMBRE, WHO WOULD RID US OF EL PAPAGAYO FOR ALL TIME..."
THAT IS THE FAVOR I WOULD ASK, SENOR BATMAN. THAT YOU TRAIN ANOTHER BATMAN, WHO WOULD COOPERATE WITH THE POLICE TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER...
I AM AN OLD MAN—I HAVE NOT MUCH LONGER TO LIVE. IN MY TIME I WOULD LIKE TO SEE EL PAPAGAYO BROUGHT TO JUSTICE AND MY COUNTRY DELIVERED FROM HIS BONDAGE...
TOUCHED BY THE OLD MAN'S PLEA, BATMAN CONFERS BRIEFLY WITH COMMISSIONER GORDON...
BY ALL MEANS, BATMAN, ACCEPT! IT'S PRETTY QUIET HERE RIGHT NOW—WE CAN SPARE YOU. AND YOUR VISIT WOULD BE A WONDERFUL AFFIRMATION OF OUR GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY!
AND THUS IT IS THAT, TWO DAYS LATER, THE BATPLANE IS WINGING OVER THE CARIBBEAN!
THE PRESIDENT DECIDED IT WOULD BE PRETTY HARD TO FIND ANOTHER BOY LIKE YOU, ROBIN—SO WE'LL JUST CONCENTRATE ON A BATMAN!
THAT'LL BE JOB ENOUGH! I UNDERSTAND HE'S GOING TO PARADE THE CREAM OF THE COUNTRY'S MANHOOD BEFORE US TO BE TESTED FOR THE JOB!


AND, AT THE AIRPORT IN CASANEGRO, CAPITAL CITY OF MANTEGUA...
GOSH—LOOK AT THAT CROWD, BATMAN!
VIVA EL BATMAN E ROBIN!
IF YOU'LL STEP THIS WAY, SEÑORS—WE HAVE A CAR WAITING...

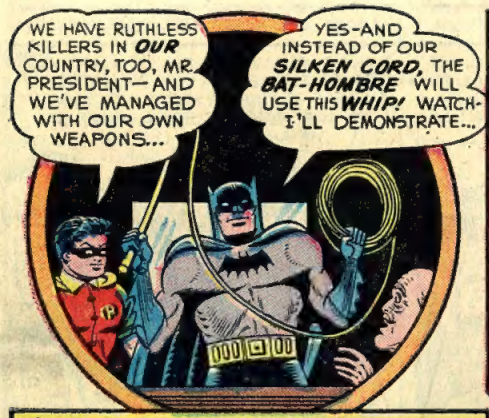
LATER, AT THE EXECUTIVE MANSION...
TAKE ALL THE TIME YOU WANT, GENTLEMEN. ALL MY FACILITIES ARE AT YOUR DISPOSAL. WHEN YOU ARE READY TO START SCREENING THE APPLICANTS, LET ME KNOW AND WE SHALL BEGIN...

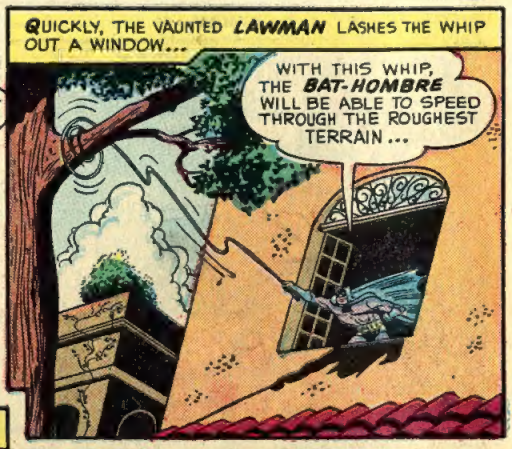
FIRST THING TO DO IS TO FIND A PLACE OF OPERATIONS WHERE OUR FUTURE BAT-HOMBRE WILL LIVE...

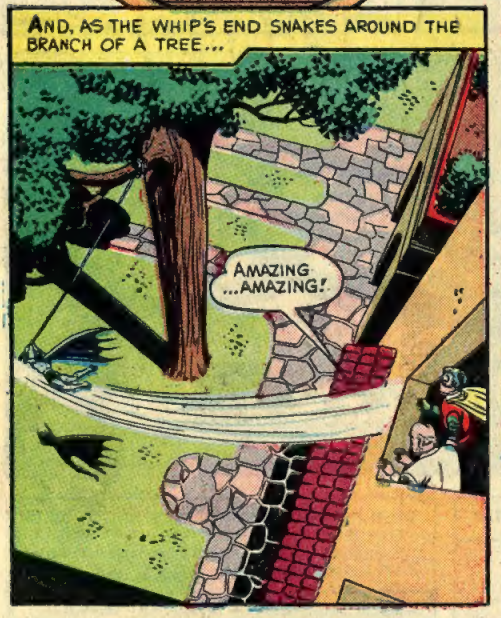
THIS GROTTO IS PERFECT, ROBIN, FOR ANOTHER BATCAVE!
YES—IT'S DIRECTLY UNDER AN ABANDONED FARMHOUSE. OUR BAT-HOMBRE CAN LIVE THERE...

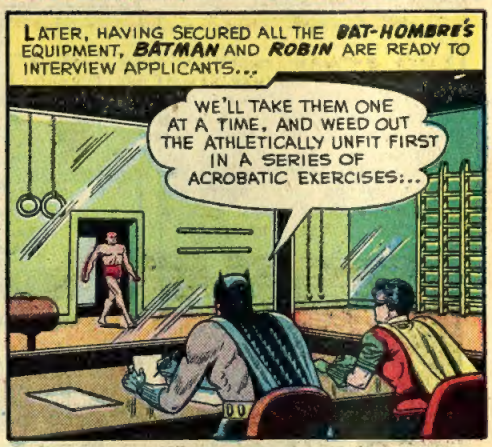

FOR DAYS, BATMAN AND ROBIN SET THE STAGE FOR THE NEW BAT-HOMBRE...
NO BATMOBILES IN THIS TERRAIN, ROBIN! BUT THIS THOROUGHBRED RACER FROM THE ARGENTINE SHOULD BE FASTER THAN ANY OTHER HORSE AROUND...
GOSH—A BAT-HORSE! ISN'T THAT SUPER!

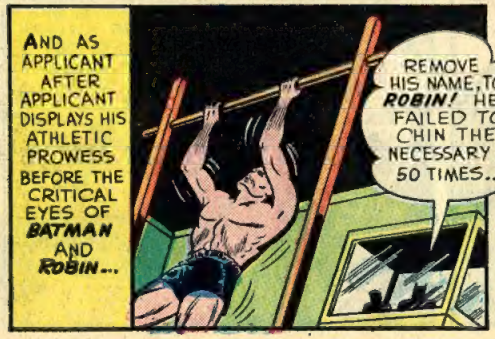
THEN, THE FIRST COMPLICATION ARISES, WHEN PRESIDENT CAMARAN THROWS OPEN HIS COLLECTION OF WEAPONS FOR THE FUTURE BAT-HOMBRE'S USE...
NO, MR. PRESIDENT—WE CAN'T ACCEPT ANY OF THESE WEAPONS! BATMAN NEVER FIRES A GUN OR USES A KNIFE!
BUT—EL PAPAGAYO AND HIS MEN ARE RUTHLESS KILLERS! HOW COULD ONE FIGHT THEM WITHOUT WEAPONS LIKE THESE?

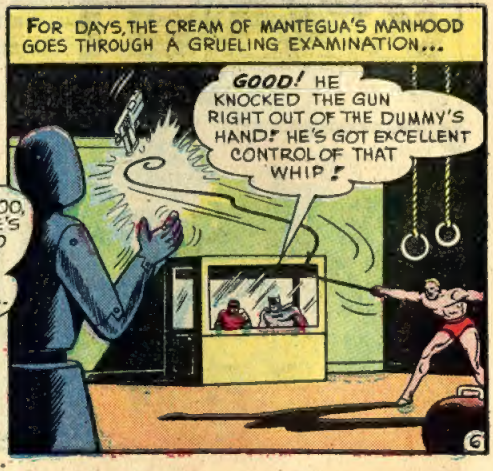

WE HAVE RUTHLESS KILLERS IN OUR COUNTRY, TOO, MR. PRESIDENT—AND WE'VE MANAGED WITH OUR OWN WEAPONS...
YES—AND INSTEAD OF OUR SILKEN CORD, THE BAT-HOMBRE WILL USE THIS WHIP! WATCH—I'LL DEMONSTRATE...

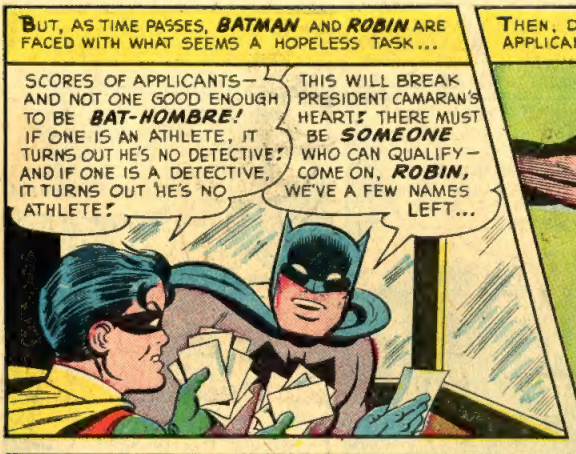

QUICKLY, THE VAUNTED LAWMAN LASHES THE WHIP OUT A WINDOW...
WITH THIS WHIP, THE BAT-HOMBRE WILL BE ABLE TO SPEED THROUGH THE ROUGHEST TERRAIN...

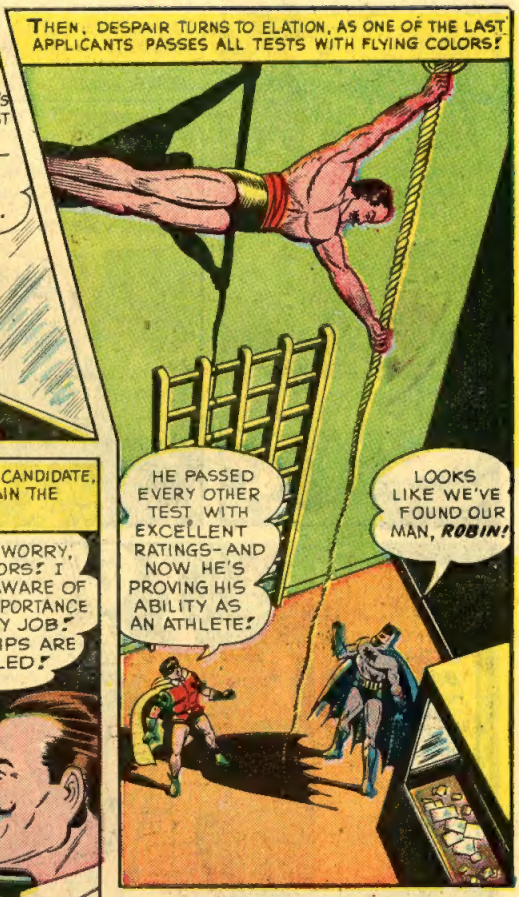

AND, AS THE WHIP'S END SNAKES AROUND THE BRANCH OF A TREE...
AMAZING ...AMAZING!

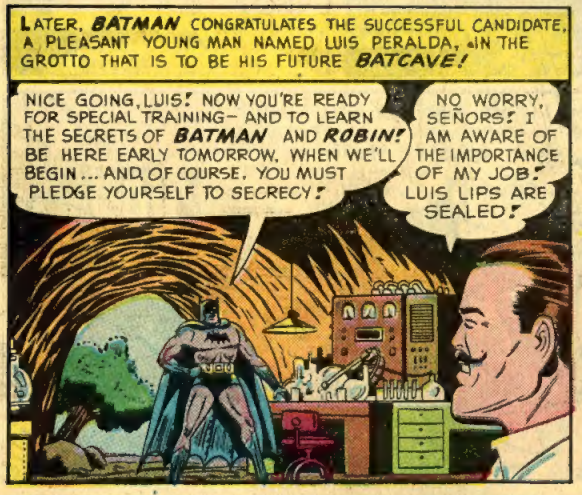

LATER, HAVING SECURED ALL THE BAT-HOMBRE'S EQUIPMENT, BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE READY TO INTERVIEW APPLICANTS...
WE'LL TAKE THEM ONE AT A TIME, AND WEED OUT THE ATHLETICALLY UNFIT FIRST IN A SERIES OF ACROBATIC EXERCISES...


AND AS APPLICANT AFTER APPLICANT DISPLAYS HIS ATHLETIC PROWESS BEFORE THE CRITICAL EYES OF BATMAN AND ROBIN...
REMOVE HIS NAME, TOO, ROBIN! HE'S FAILED TO CHIN THE NECESSARY 50 TIMES...

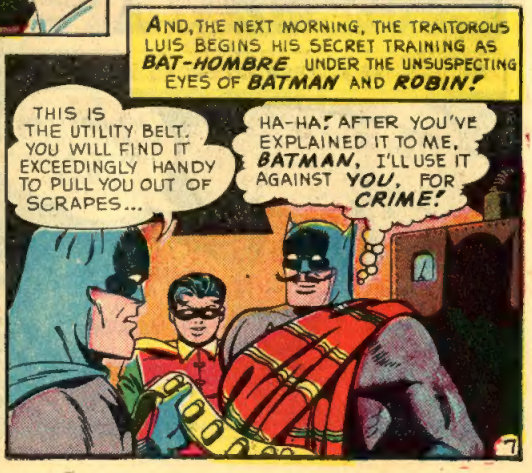

FOR DAYS, THE CREAM OF MANTEGUA'S MANHOOD GOES THROUGH A GRUELING EXAMINATION...
GOOD! HE KNOCKED THE GUN RIGHT OUT OF THE DUMMY'S HAND! HE'S GOT EXCELLENT CONTROL OF THAT WHIP!


BUT, AS TIME PASSES, BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE FACED WITH WHAT SEEMS A HOPELESS TASK...
SCORES OF APPLICANTS— AND NOT ONE GOOD ENOUGH TO BE BAT-HOMBRE! IF ONE IS AN ATHLETE, IT TURNS OUT HE'S NO DETECTIVE! AND IF ONE IS A DETECTIVE, IT TURNS OUT HE'S NO ATHLETE!
THIS WILL BREAK PRESIDENT CAMARAN'S HEART! THERE MUST BE SOMEONE WHO CAN QUALIFY— COME ON, ROBIN, WE'VE A FEW NAMES LEFT...


THEN, DESPAIR TURNS TO ELATION, AS ONE OF THE LAST APPLICANTS PASSES ALL TESTS WITH FLYING COLORS!
HE PASSED EVERY OTHER TEST WITH EXCELLENT RATINGS— AND NOW HE'S PROVING HIS ABILITY AS AN ATHLETE!
LOOKS LIKE WE'VE FOUND OUR MAN, ROBIN!

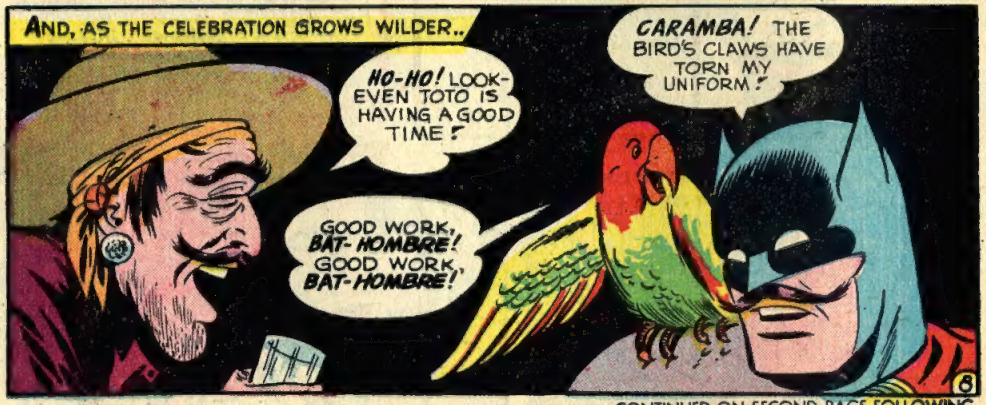

LATER, BATMAN CONGRATULATES THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE, A PLEASANT YOUNG MAN NAMED LUIS PERALDA, IN THE GROTTO THAT IS TO BE HIS FUTURE BATCAVE!
NICE GOING, LUIS! NOW YOU'RE READY FOR SPECIAL TRAINING— AND TO LEARN THE SECRETS OF BATMAN AND ROBIN! BE HERE EARLY TOMORROW, WHEN WE'LL BEGIN... AND, OF COURSE, YOU MUST PLEDGE YOURSELF TO SECRECY!
NO WORRY, SEÑORS! I AM AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MY JOB! LUIS LIPS ARE SEALED!

BUT, THAT EVENING...
HELLO, PEDRO! THIS IS LUIS! I FOOLED THE BATMAN! I GOT THE JOB!
BUENO! EL PAPAGAYO WILL BE IMMEDIATELY INFORMED! HE WILL REWARD YOU HANDSOMELY, LUIS!


AND, THE NEXT MORNING, THE TRAITOROUS LUIS BEGINS HIS SECRET TRAINING AS BAT-HOMBRE UNDER THE UNSUSPECTING EYES OF BATMAN AND ROBIN!
THIS IS THE UTILITY BELT. YOU WILL FIND IT EXCEEDINGLY HANDY TO PULL YOU OUT OF SCRAPES...
HA-HA! AFTER YOU'VE EXPLAINED IT TO ME, BATMAN, I'LL USE IT AGAINST YOU, FOR CRIME!

THIS IS YOUR BELT-RADIO. I USE IT TO COMMUNICATE WITH ROBIN- YOU WILL USE IT TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE POLICE...
YOU MEAN EL PAPAGAYO, YOU FOOL! HA-HA!
THEN, THAT NIGHT, BATMAN HASTENS TO PRESIDENT CAMARAN, TO BRING HIM THE ENCOURAGING NEWS ABOUT BAT-HOMBRE...
AHHH, SEÑOR BATMAN- THAT IS GOOD! YOU KNOW, I WAS BEGINNING TO LOSE FAITH- I WAS BECOMING ASHAMED OF MY PEOPLE BECAUSE NO MAN COULD MEET YOUR QUALIFICATIONS...
BUT NOW IT IS DIFFERENT- NOW AN OLD MAN CAN DIE IN PEACE, KNOWING HE HAS PUT HIS COUNTRY ON THE RIGHT ROAD...
YES, MR. PRESIDENT- IN A FEW DAYS YOUR OWN BAT-HOMBRE WILL BE HOT ON THE TRAIL OF EL PAPAGAYO!

BUT AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN THE HIDDEN OUTLAW CAMP, BAT-HOMBRE HAS FOUND EL PAPAGAYO, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES OF WHICH BATMAN IS COMPLETELY UNAWARE!
HO-HO! YOU HAVE DONE WELL, AMIGO! BY TOMORROW, YOU WILL HAVE LEARNED ALL OF BATMAN'S SECRETS- AND THEN WE WILL HAVE SOME FUN, EH, TOTO? HO-HO!
SI-SI! MUCHO FUN! SI-SI! MUCHO FUN!


AND, AS THE CELEBRATION GROWS WILDER..
HO-HO! LOOK- EVEN TOTO IS HAVING A GOOD TIME!
GOOD WORK, BAT-HOMBRE! GOOD WORK, BAT-HOMBRE!
CARAMBA! THE BIRD'S CLAWS HAVE TORN MY UNIFORM!
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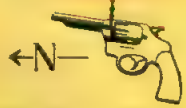

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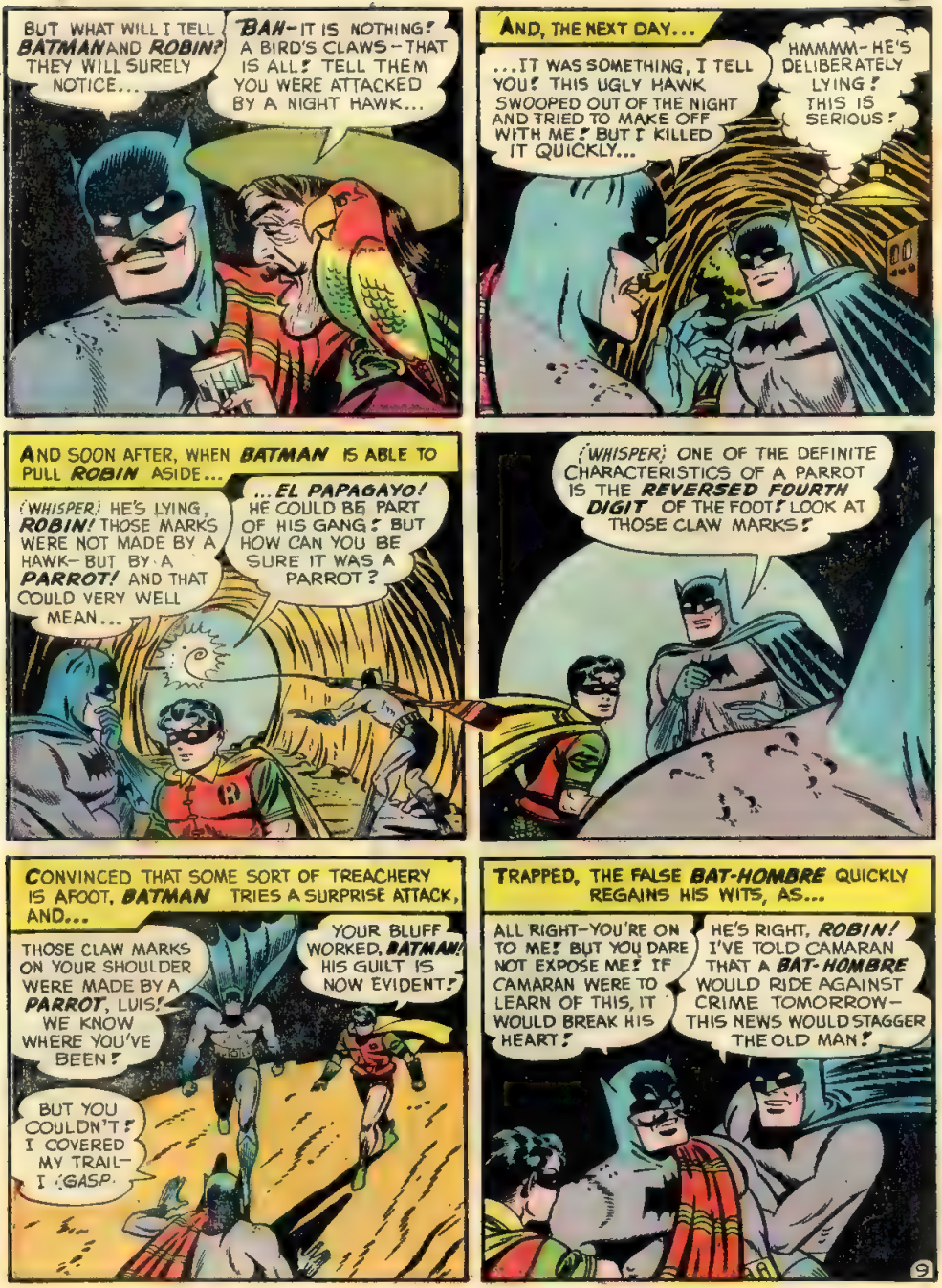
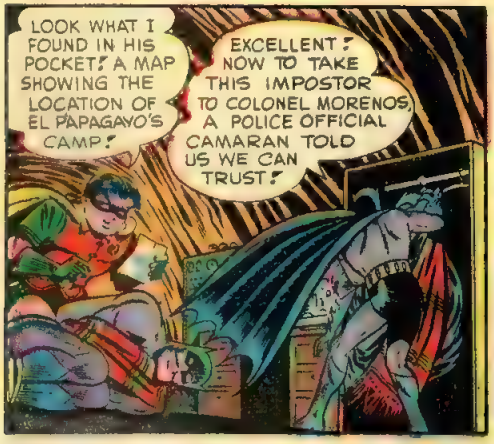
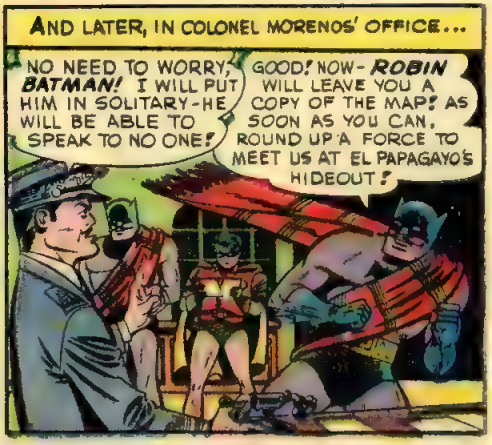
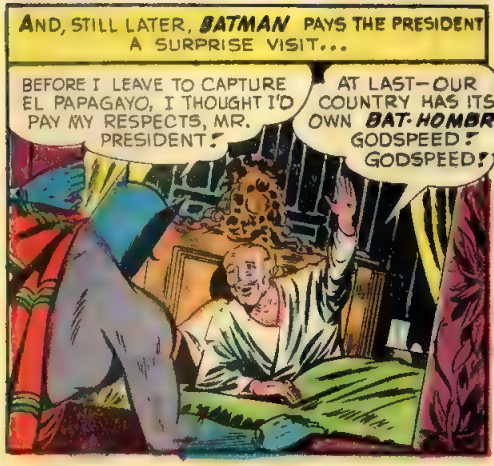

BUT WHAT WILL I TELL BATMAN AND ROBIN? THEY WILL SURELY NOTICE...
BAH—IT IS NOTHING! A BIRD'S CLAWS—THAT IS ALL! TELL THEM YOU WERE ATTACKED BY A NIGHT HAWK...
AND, THE NEXT DAY...
...IT WAS SOMETHING, I TELL YOU! THIS UGLY HAWK SWOOPED OUT OF THE NIGHT AND TRIED TO MAKE OFF WITH ME! BUT I KILLED IT QUICKLY...
HMMMM—HE'S DELIBERATELY LYING! THIS IS SERIOUS!
AND SOON AFTER, WHEN BATMAN IS ABLE TO PULL ROBIN ASIDE...
{WHISPER} HE'S LYING, ROBIN! THOSE MARKS WERE NOT MADE BY A HAWK—BUT BY A PARROT! AND THAT COULD VERY WELL MEAN...
...EL PAPAGAYO! HE COULD BE PART OF HIS GANG! BUT HOW CAN YOU BE SURE IT WAS A PARROT?
{WHISPER} ONE OF THE DEFINITE CHARACTERISTICS OF A PARROT IS THE REVERSED FOURTH DIGIT OF THE FOOT! LOOK AT THOSE CLAW MARKS!
CONVINCED THAT SOME SORT OF TREACHERY IS AFOOT, BATMAN TRIES A SURPRISE ATTACK, AND...
THOSE CLAW MARKS ON YOUR SHOULDER WERE MADE BY A PARROT, LUIS! WE KNOW WHERE YOU'VE BEEN!
YOUR BLUFF WORKED, BATMAN! HIS GUILT IS NOW EVIDENT!
BUT YOU COULDN'T! I COVERED MY TRAIL—I {GASP}
TRAPPED, THE FALSE BAT-HOMBRE QUICKLY REGAINS HIS WITS, AS...
ALL RIGHT—YOU'RE ON TO ME! BUT YOU DARE NOT EXPOSE ME! IF CAMARAN WERE TO LEARN OF THIS, IT WOULD BREAK HIS HEART!
HE'S RIGHT, ROBIN! I'VE TOLD CAMARAN THAT A BAT-HOMBRE WOULD RIDE AGAINST CRIME TOMORROW—THIS NEWS WOULD STAGGER THE OLD MAN!

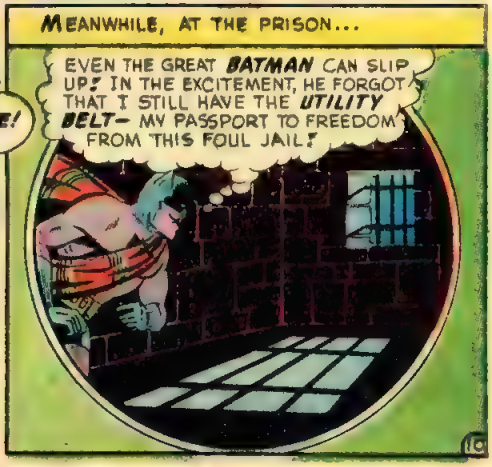
LET'S FACE IT, BATMAN! LUIS WAS THE CLOSEST REPLACEMENT TO A BATMAN WE COULD FIND - AND NOW HE'S OUT! THERE JUST ISN'T A ANOTHER BATMAN ANYWHERE!
BUT WE CAN'T LET CAMARAN DISCOVER THAT! WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!

HIS BRILLIANT MIND RACING, BATMAN SUDDENLY MAKES HIS DECISION!
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY, ROBIN! WE'LL KEEP LUIS ON ICE, WHERE HE CAN'T REACH CAMARAN — AND I'LL TAKE OVER AS BAT-HOMBRE!


LOOK WHAT I FOUND IN HIS POCKET! A MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF EL PAPAGAYO'S CAMP!
EXCELLENT! NOW TO TAKE THIS IMPOSTOR TO COLONEL MORENOS, A POLICE OFFICIAL CAMARAN TOLD US WE CAN TRUST!


AND LATER, IN COLONEL MORENOS' OFFICE...
NO NEED TO WORRY, BATMAN! I WILL PUT HIM IN SOLITARY - HE WILL BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO NO ONE!
GOOD! NOW - ROBIN WILL LEAVE YOU A COPY OF THE MAP! AS SOON AS YOU CAN, ROUND UP A FORCE TO MEET US AT EL PAPAGAYO'S HIDEOUT!


AND, STILL LATER, BATMAN PAYS THE PRESIDENT A SURPRISE VISIT...
BEFORE I LEAVE TO CAPTURE EL PAPAGAYO, I THOUGHT I'D PAY MY RESPECTS, MR. PRESIDENT!
AT LAST — OUR COUNTRY HAS ITS OWN BAT-HOMBRE! GODSPEED! GODSPEED!


MEANWHILE, AT THE PRISON...
EVEN THE GREAT BATMAN CAN SLIP UP! IN THE EXCITEMENT, HE FORGOT THAT I STILL HAVE THE UTILITY BELT — MY PASSPORT TO FREEDOM FROM THIS FOUL JAIL!

NICE OF BATMAN TO HAVE SHOWN ME HOW TO CREATE AN EXPLOSION! NOW TO HALT HIM BEFORE HE REACHES EL PAPAGAYO!
MEANWHILE, AN AWESOME SPECTACLE LOOMS UP ON THE ROLLING PAMPAS – THE BAT-HORSE, THUNDERING INTO ACTION!
HOLD ON, ROBIN! THIS BAT-HORSE IS A FOUR-FOOTED TORNADO!
AND, IN THE JAGGED MOUNTAINS NEAR EL PAPAGAYO'S CAMP...
THE CAMP'S DEAD AHEAD! GO DOWN THIS SIDE, ROBIN – AND LOOK FOR A TRAIL. I'LL TRY THIS OTHER SIDE AND MEET YOU HERE IN FIVE MINUTES...
FRANTICALLY, ROBIN CLINGS TO HIS LEDGE AS THE BATTLE REACHES ITS VIOLENT CONCLUSION...
AAHHHHEEEEEEEE...
BATMAN! BATMAN! IS THAT YOU?
REACHING THE FOOT OF THE CLIFF, ROBIN'S FOOT TANGLES IN A VINE. AND, AS HE STRUGGLES TO FREE HIMSELF SUDDENLY...
HA-HA-BATMAN! THE TABLES ARE TURNED! NOW I WILL KILL YOU!
IT'S LUIS! HE'S ESCAPED!
A WILD, SWAYING BATTLE SKIRTS THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF! THEN, AS ROBIN BREAKS FREE, AND RUSHES TO HELP BATMAN...
SOMEONE'S FALLING! IS IT BATMAN?

ONCE AGAIN, DEATHLY SILENCE GRIPS THE AIR. THEN, AS ROBIN BRACES...
HE'S COMING! WHOEVER IT IS—HE'S COMING!
THEN SUDDENLY, THE FREEZING SUSPENSE IS SHATTERED AS..
WELL, ROBIN—WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WAITING FOR A STREET-CAR?
OH, BATMAN—IT'S YOU! PHEW—WAS I WORRIED!
THEN, WITHOUT WARNING, A SWARM OF BANDITS LEAPS OUT TO SURPRISE AND CAPTURE BATMAN AND ROBIN!
THROW THEM UNDER GUARD UNTIL EL PAPAGAYO RETURNS!
EL PAPAGAYO'S MEN! THE NOISE OF THE FIGHT MUST HAVE BROUGHT THEM!
LATER, IN THE TENT WHERE THEY ARE HELD PRISONER...
A FINE MESS WE'VE MADE OF THINGS!
WAIT! THESE BERRIES—AND THIS CURARE BARK GIVE ME AN IDEA!
AND, PRESENTLY, WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO IS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BANDIT CHIEFTAIN...
HAH! THIS FOREIGNER, BATMAN, WOULD MEDDLE IN MY AFFAIRS! HERE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
JUST FEEDING YOUR PARROT SOME BERRIES, EL PAPAGAYO. I'M VERY FOND OF PARROTS!
THE NERVE OF HIM! TRYING TO BRIBE THE PARROT!
THEN, EL PAPAGAYO ASKS TOTO TO PASS SENTENCE UPON BATMAN AND ROBIN!
KILL THEM! GIVE THEM WHIPS—MAKE THEM BEAT THEMSELVES TO DEATH WITH THE WHIPS!
TERRIFICO, TOTO, TERRIFICO! YOU HAVE GREAT IMAGINATION! QUICKLY, CARLOS—BRING WHIPS!
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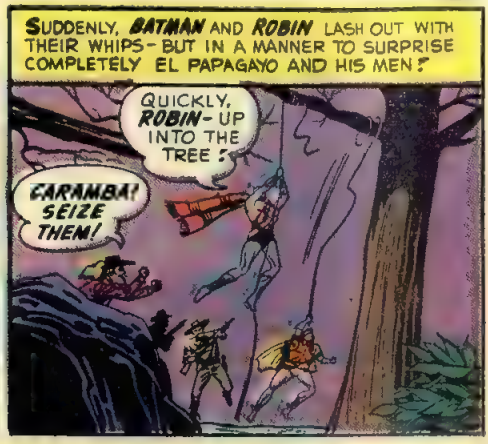
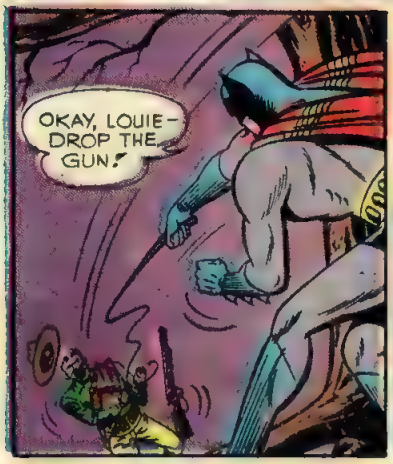
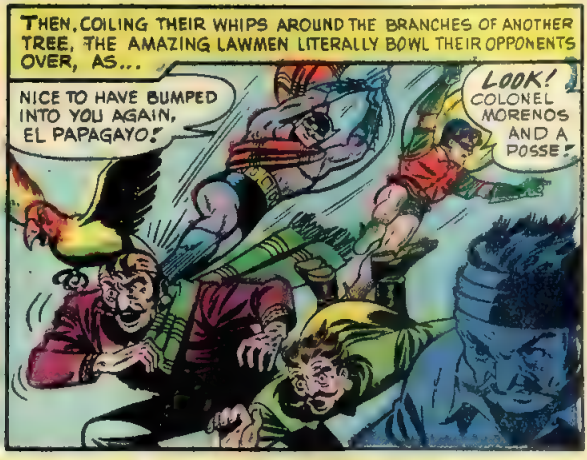
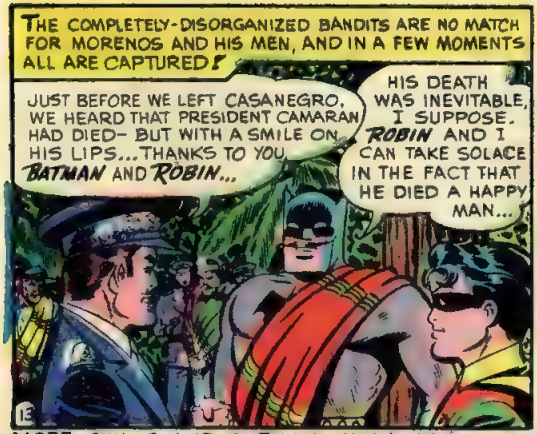

SUDDENLY, BATMAN AND ROBIN LASH OUT WITH THEIR WHIPS- BUT IN A MANNER TO SURPRISE COMPLETELY EL PAPAGAYO AND HIS MEN!
QUICKLY, ROBIN- UP INTO THE TREE!
CARAMBA! SEIZE THEM!




THEN, COILING THEIR WHIPS AROUND THE BRANCHES OF ANOTHER TREE, THE AMAZING LAWMEN LITERALLY BOWL THEIR OPPONENTS OVER, AS...
NICE TO HAVE BUMPED INTO YOU AGAIN, EL PAPAGAYO!
LOOK! COLONEL MORENOS AND A POSSE!


THE COMPLETELY-DISORGANIZED BANDITS ARE NO MATCH FOR MORENOS AND HIS MEN, AND IN A FEW MOMENTS ALL ARE CAPTURED!
JUST BEFORE WE LEFT CASANEGRO, WE HEARD THAT PRESIDENT CAMARAN HAD DIED- BUT WITH A SMILE ON HIS LIPS...THANKS TO YOU, BATMAN AND ROBIN...
HIS DEATH WAS INEVITABLE, I SUPPOSE. ROBIN AND I CAN TAKE SOLACE IN THE FACT THAT HE DIED A HAPPY MAN...
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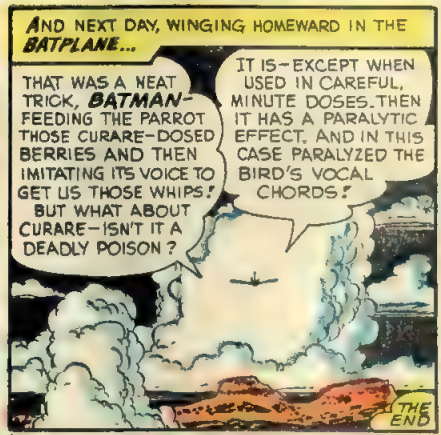
AND NEXT DAY, WINGING HOMEWARD IN THE BATPLANE...
THAT WAS A NEAT TRICK, BATMAN- FEEDING THE PARROT THOSE CURARE-DOSED BERRIES AND THEN IMITATING ITS VOICE TO GET US THOSE WHIPS! BUT WHAT ABOUT CURARE- ISN'T IT A DEADLY POISON?
IT IS- EXCEPT WHEN USED IN CAREFUL, MINUTE DOSES. THEN IT HAS A PARALYTIC EFFECT. AND IN THIS CASE PARALYZED THE BIRD'S VOCAL CHORDS!
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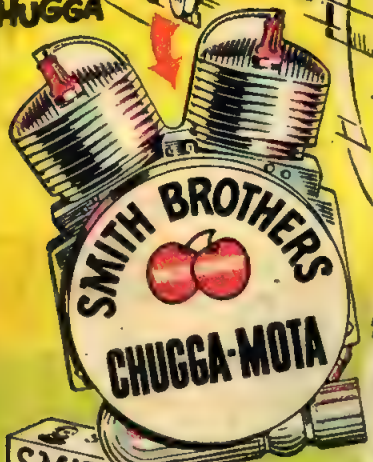

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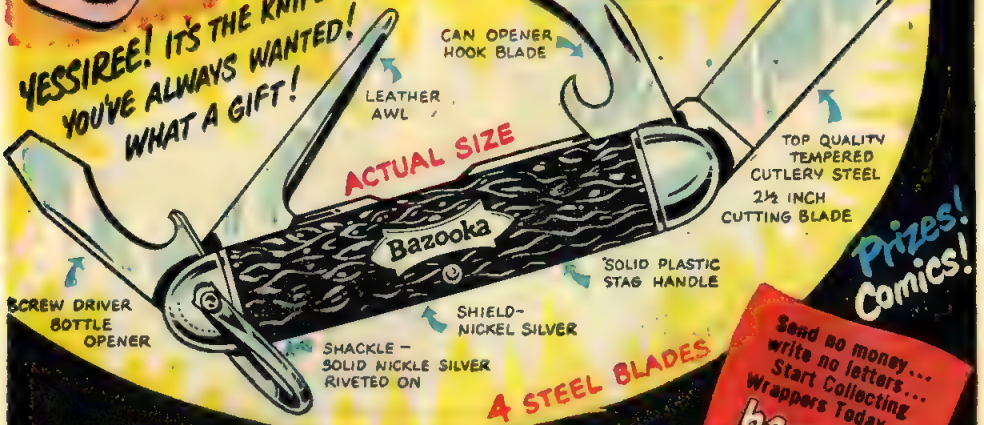

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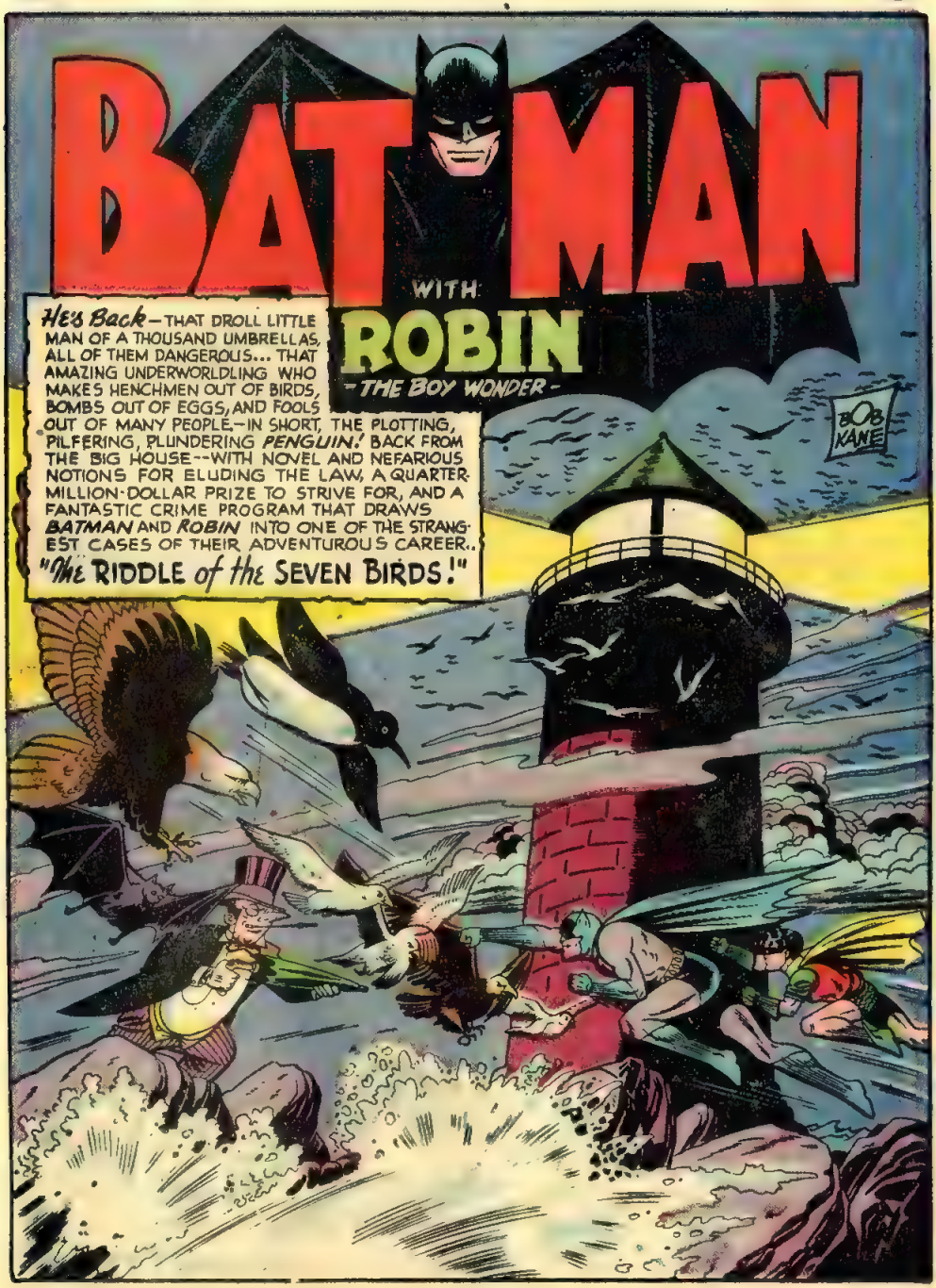
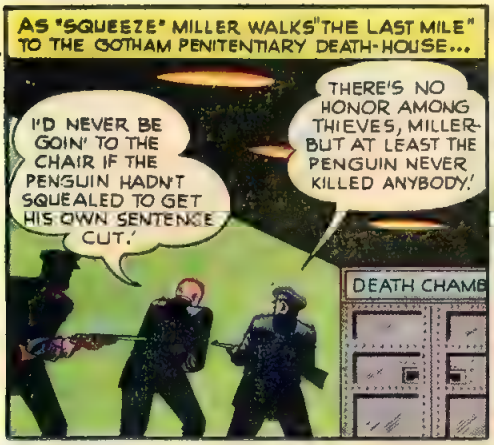
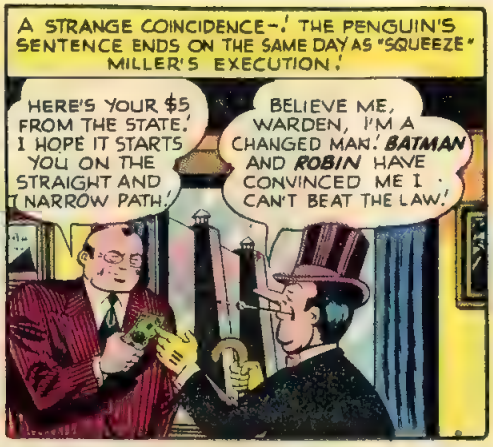
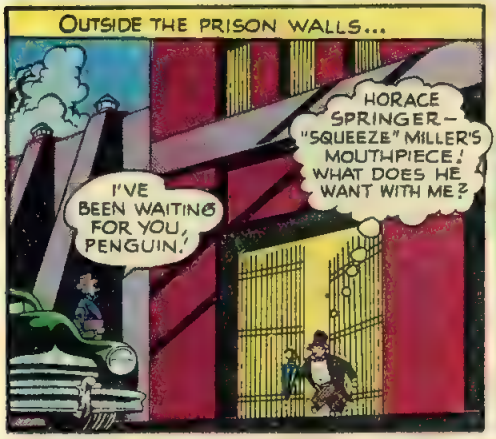
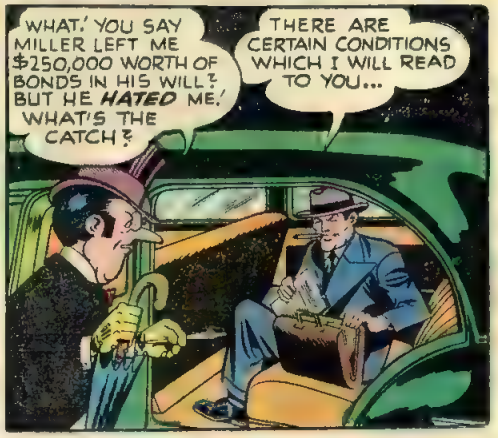
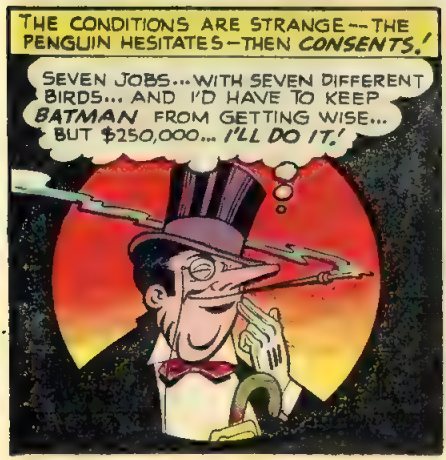

BATMAN
WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-
BOB KANE
He's Back—THAT DROLL LITTLE MAN OF A THOUSAND UMBRELLAS, ALL OF THEM DANGEROUS... THAT AMAZING UNDERWORLDLING WHO MAKES HENCHMEN OUT OF BIRDS, BOMBS OUT OF EGGS, AND FOOLS OUT OF MANY PEOPLE.—IN SHORT, THE PLOTTING, PILFERING, PLUNDERING PENGUIN! BACK FROM THE BIG HOUSE--WITH NOVEL AND NEFARIOUS NOTIONS FOR ELUDING THE LAW, A QUARTER-MILLION-DOLLAR PRIZE TO STRIVE FOR, AND A FANTASTIC CRIME PROGRAM THAT DRAWS BATMAN AND ROBIN INTO ONE OF THE STRANGEST CASES OF THEIR ADVENTUROUS CAREER..
"The RIDDLE of the SEVEN BIRDS!"

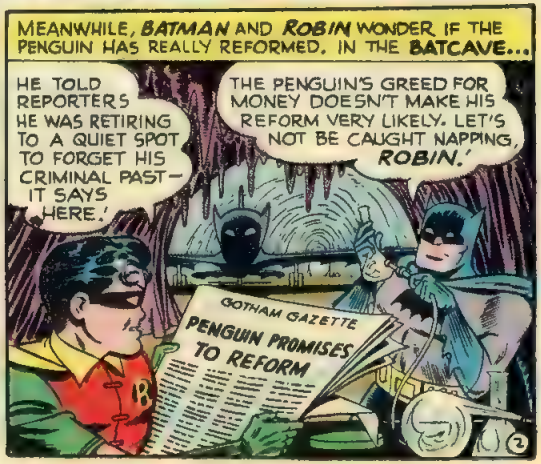

AS "SQUEEZE" MILLER WALKS "THE LAST MILE" TO THE GOTHAM PENITENTIARY DEATH-HOUSE...
I'D NEVER BE GOIN' TO THE CHAIR IF THE PENGUIN HADN'T SQUEALED TO GET HIS OWN SENTENCE CUT.'
THERE'S NO HONOR AMONG THIEVES, MILLER— BUT AT LEAST THE PENGUIN NEVER KILLED ANYBODY.'
DEATH CHAMB

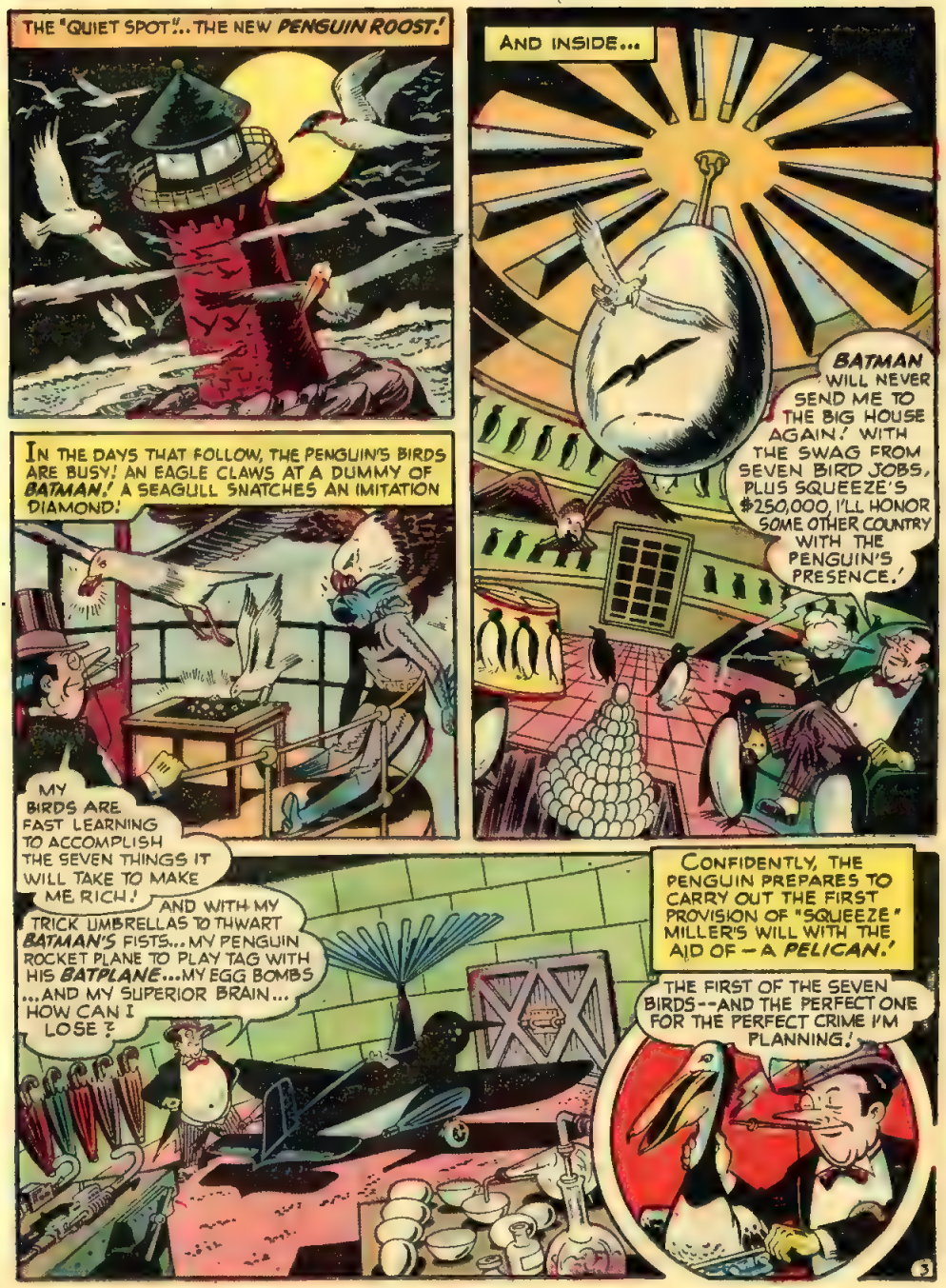

A STRANGE COINCIDENCE—! THE PENGUIN'S SENTENCE ENDS ON THE SAME DAY AS "SQUEEZE" MILLER'S EXECUTION!
HERE'S YOUR $5 FROM THE STATE.' I HOPE IT STARTS YOU ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW PATH.'
BELIEVE ME, WARDEN, I'M A CHANGED MAN.' BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE CONVINCED ME I CAN'T BEAT THE LAW.'

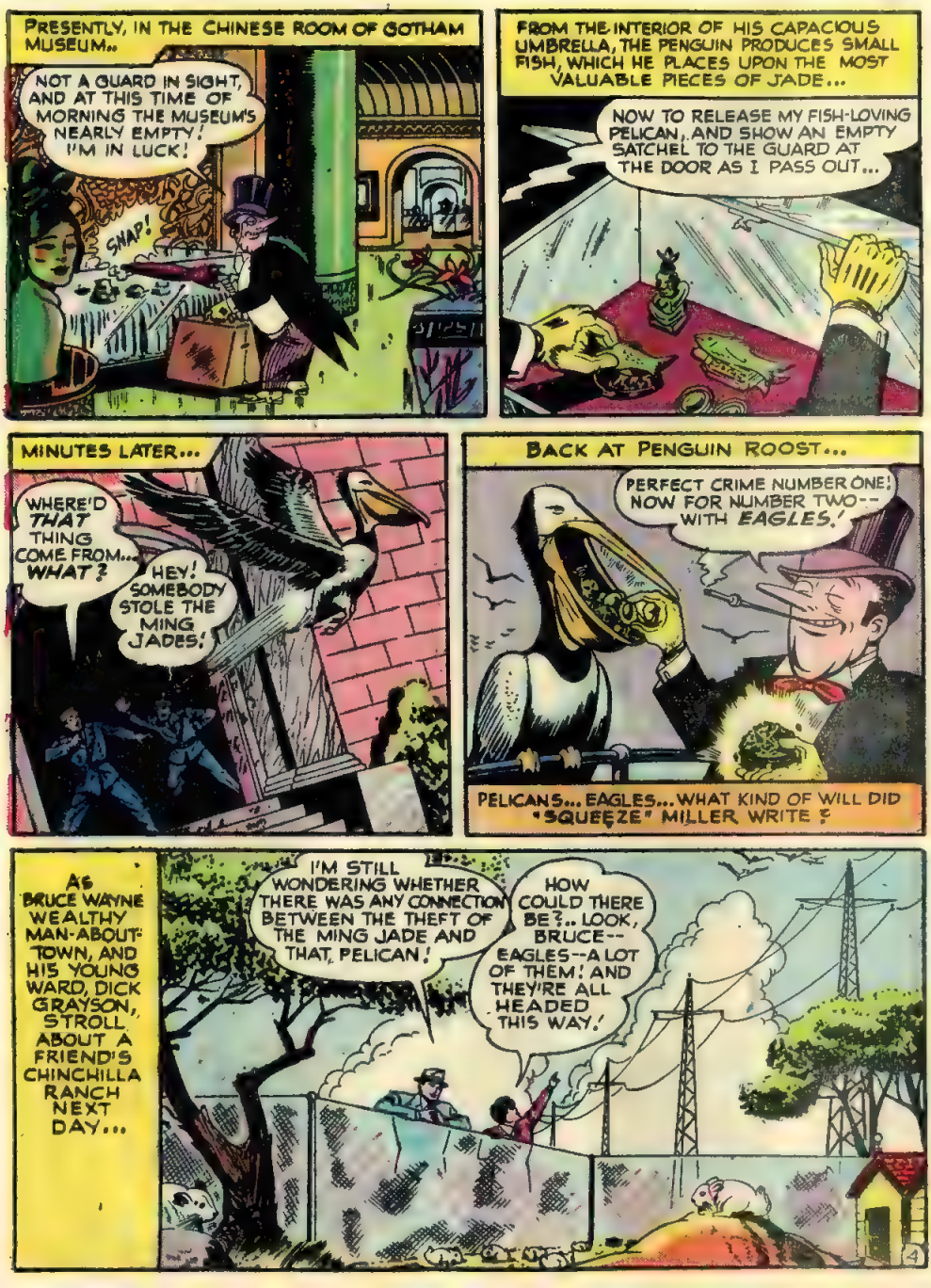

OUTSIDE THE PRISON WALLS...
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, PENGUIN.'
HORACE SPRINGER— "SQUEEZE" MILLER'S MOUTHPIECE! WHAT DOES HE WANT WITH ME?

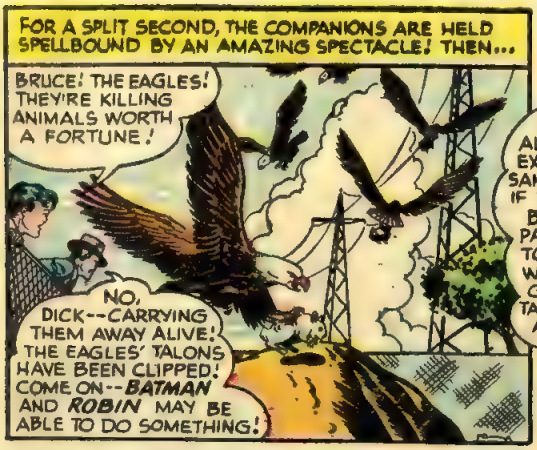

WHAT.' YOU SAY MILLER LEFT ME $250,000 WORTH OF BONDS IN HIS WILL? BUT HE HATED ME.' WHAT'S THE CATCH?
THERE ARE CERTAIN CONDITIONS WHICH I WILL READ TO YOU...

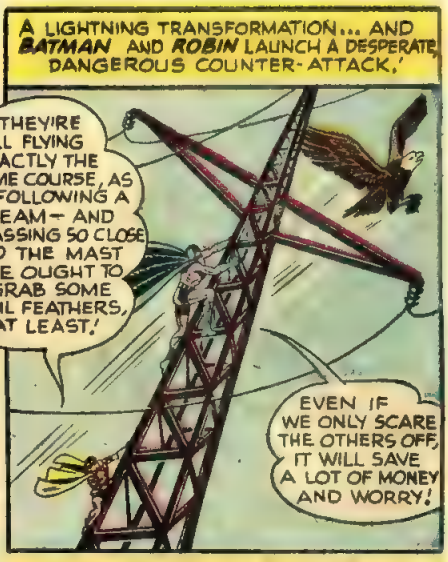

THE CONDITIONS ARE STRANGE—THE PENGUIN HESITATES—THEN CONSENTS.'
SEVEN JOBS...WITH SEVEN DIFFERENT BIRDS... AND I'D HAVE TO KEEP BATMAN FROM GETTING WISE... BUT $250,000... I'LL DO IT.'

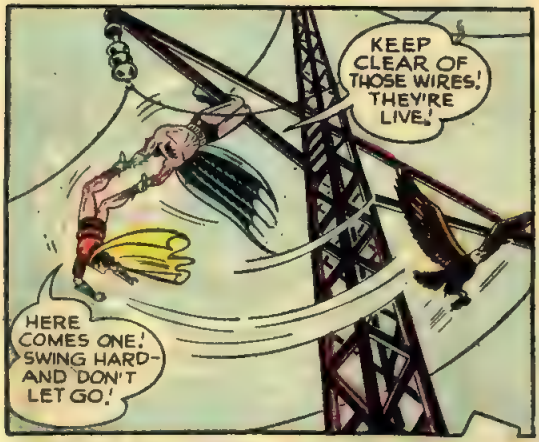

MEANWHILE, BATMAN AND ROBIN WONDER IF THE PENGUIN HAS REALLY REFORMED. IN THE BATCAVE...
HE TOLD REPORTERS HE WAS RETIRING TO A QUIET SPOT TO FORGET HIS CRIMINAL PAST— IT SAYS HERE.'
THE PENGUIN'S GREED FOR MONEY DOESN'T MAKE HIS REFORM VERY LIKELY. LET'S NOT BE CAUGHT NAPPING, ROBIN.'
GOTHAM GAZETTE
PENGUIN PROMISES TO REFORM


THE "QUIET SPOT"... THE NEW PENGUIN ROOST!
AND INSIDE...
BATMAN WILL NEVER SEND ME TO THE BIG HOUSE AGAIN! WITH THE SWAG FROM SEVEN BIRD JOBS, PLUS SQUEEZE'S $250,000, I'LL HONOR SOME OTHER COUNTRY WITH THE PENGUIN'S PRESENCE.'
IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, THE PENGUIN'S BIRDS ARE BUSY! AN EAGLE CLAWS AT A DUMMY OF BATMAN.' A SEAGULL SNATCHES AN IMITATION DIAMOND!
MY BIRDS ARE FAST LEARNING TO ACCOMPLISH THE SEVEN THINGS IT WILL TAKE TO MAKE ME RICH!
AND WITH MY TRICK UMBRELLAS TO THWART BATMAN'S FISTS... MY PENGUIN ROCKET PLANE TO PLAY TAG WITH HIS BATPLANE... MY EGG BOMBS ...AND MY SUPERIOR BRAIN... HOW CAN I LOSE?
CONFIDENTLY, THE PENGUIN PREPARES TO CARRY OUT THE FIRST PROVISION OF "SQUEEZE" MILLER'S WILL WITH THE AID OF — A PELICAN.'
THE FIRST OF THE SEVEN BIRDS--AND THE PERFECT ONE FOR THE PERFECT CRIME I'M PLANNING!


PRESENTLY, IN THE CHINESE ROOM OF GOTHAM MUSEUM...
NOT A GUARD IN SIGHT, AND AT THIS TIME OF MORNING THE MUSEUM'S NEARLY EMPTY! I'M IN LUCK!
SNAP!
FROM THE INTERIOR OF HIS CAPACIOUS UMBRELLA, THE PENGUIN PRODUCES SMALL FISH, WHICH HE PLACES UPON THE MOST VALUABLE PIECES OF JADE...
NOW TO RELEASE MY FISH-LOVING PELICAN, AND SHOW AN EMPTY SATCHEL TO THE GUARD AT THE DOOR AS I PASS OUT...
MINUTES LATER...
WHERE'D THAT THING COME FROM... WHAT?
HEY! SOMEBODY STOLE THE MING JADES!
BACK AT PENGUIN ROOST...
PERFECT CRIME NUMBER ONE! NOW FOR NUMBER TWO-- WITH EAGLES!
PELICANS... EAGLES... WHAT KIND OF WILL DID "SQUEEZE" MILLER WRITE?
AS BRUCE WAYNE WEALTHY MAN-ABOUT-TOWN, AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, STROLL ABOUT A FRIEND'S CHINCHILLA RANCH NEXT DAY...
I'M STILL WONDERING WHETHER THERE WAS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE THEFT OF THE MING JADE AND THAT PELICAN!
HOW COULD THERE BE?.. LOOK, BRUCE-- EAGLES--A LOT OF THEM! AND THEY'RE ALL HEADED THIS WAY!


FOR A SPLIT SECOND, THE COMPANIONS ARE HELD SPELLBOUND BY AN AMAZING SPECTACLE! THEN...
BRUCE! THE EAGLES! THEY'RE KILLING ANIMALS WORTH A FORTUNE!
NO, DICK--CARRYING THEM AWAY ALIVE! THE EAGLES' TALONS HAVE BEEN CLIPPED! COME ON--BATMAN AND ROBIN MAY BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING!


A LIGHTNING TRANSFORMATION... AND BATMAN AND ROBIN LAUNCH A DESPERATE, DANGEROUS COUNTER-ATTACK!
THEY'RE ALL FLYING EXACTLY THE SAME COURSE, AS IF FOLLOWING A BEAM -- AND PASSING SO CLOSE TO THE MAST WE OUGHT TO GRAB SOME TAIL FEATHERS, AT LEAST!
EVEN IF WE ONLY SCARE THE OTHERS OFF, IT WILL SAVE A LOT OF MONEY AND WORRY!


KEEP CLEAR OF THOSE WIRES! THEY'RE LIVE!
HERE COMES ONE! SWING HARD--AND DON'T LET GO!

SUDDENLY... TWIN FURIES, WHOSE TALONS HAVE NOT BEEN CLIPPED, STRIKE WITH TERRIFIC FORCE!
OW! IT ISN'T FUN ANY MORE! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
GREAT SCOTT--THEY'RE GIANT EAGLES, TRAINED TO ATTACK MEN! AND I CAN'T LET GO OF YOU TO FIGHT THEM!

NICE CATCH!
FUN, TOO! WE SHOULD DO IT MORE OFTEN!

HELPLESS, AND IN AGONY FROM THE RAKING CLAWS AND STABBING BEAKS, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS TAKE A DESPERATE CHANCE...
I CAN USE ONE HAND! SWING UP TOWARD THE CABLES, AND IF I CAN KNOCK THIS FLYING TIGER AWAY FROM ME --
ALL RIGHT! WE CAN'T STAND THIS FOR LONG! JUST REMEMBER, IF YOU'RE TOUCHING THE BIRD, WE'LL ALL BE GONERS!
THRUSTING MIGHTILY, ROBIN STARTLES HIS TORMENTOR INTO RETREAT—AND AS THE GREAT BIRD'S PINIONS BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN TWO CABLES...
HE'S FINISHED—BUT HE CAME NEAR FINISHING US!
AND YOU'VE SCARED THE OTHER ONE AWAY, THANK GOODNESS!
IN THE BATCAVE, AFTER THE BATTLE...
NOW I'M WILLING TO BELIEVE THAT PELICAN HAD A PART IN THE JADE ROBBERY, BATMAN, AND SOME HUMAN BRAIN MUST BE DIRECTING THESE BIRDS IN CRIME! WHOSE?
I'M NOT SAYING WHOSE, BUT I THINK WE BOTH CAN GUESS!
NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, THE DYNAMIC DUO PROWL LIKE A PAIR OF HUNTING PANTHERS—AND ONE DARK NIGHT...
A SWANK LAWN PARTY—AND A PRETTY GIRL STARTING TO CUT THE BIGGEST CAKE I EVER SAW!
THAT'S SHEILA VAN SVELT'S BIRTHDAY PARTY! THE GUESTS WILL BE LOADED DOWN WITH JEWELS!
AS THE ENORMOUS CAKE IS CUT OPEN...
BATS! OH-H-H!
I'M GOING TO FAINT!
LIGHTS OUT, NIPPER! CUT THOSE WIRES!
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TEE-HEE! THEY NEVER SAW ME! I'VE SCORED THREE TIMES IN A ROW—AND THE BONDS ARE AS GOOD AS MINE!
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STOP THEM! THEY GOT OUT OF THEIR CAGE AND PICKED UP RADIUM WORTH HALF A MILLION!

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IT FLEW IN AND GRABBED THE BIGGEST BUNDLE OF CASH IN SIGHT! LUCKY I HAD THIS SHOTGUN HANDY, IN CASE OF HOLDUPS! WHAT IS IT, BATMAN?
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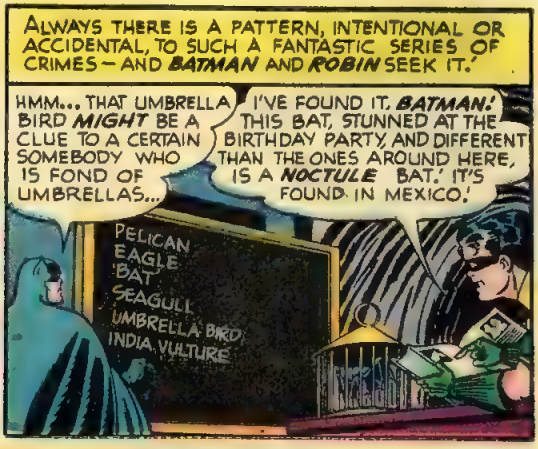
ALWAYS THERE IS A PATTERN, INTENTIONAL OR ACCIDENTAL, TO SUCH A FANTASTIC SERIES OF CRIMES — AND BATMAN AND ROBIN SEEK IT.'
HMM... THAT UMBRELLA BIRD MIGHT BE A CLUE TO A CERTAIN SOMEBODY WHO IS FOND OF UMBRELLAS...
I'VE FOUND IT, BATMAN! THIS BAT, STUNNED AT THE BIRTHDAY PARTY, AND DIFFERENT THAN THE ONES AROUND HERE, IS A NOCTULE BAT. IT'S FOUND IN MEXICO.
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THAT DOES IT, ROBIN.' FOR SOME IDIOTIC REASON, THE MAN BEHIND THESE CRIMES HAS ACTUALLY TOLD US HIS NAME.'
I DON'T GET IT.'
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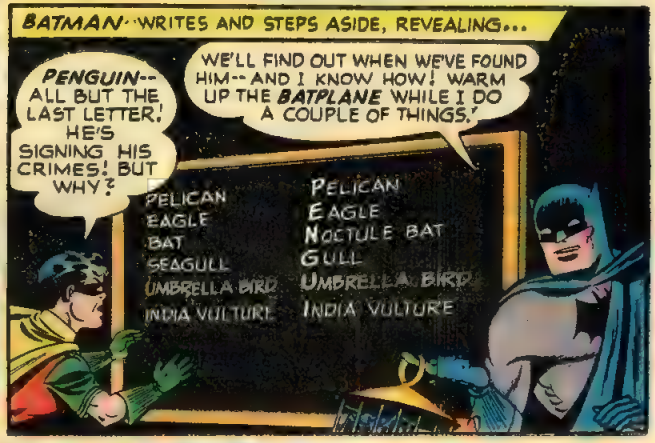
BATMAN WRITES AND STEPS ASIDE, REVEALING...
PENGUIN-- ALL BUT THE LAST LETTER! HE'S SIGNING HIS CRIMES! BUT WHY?
WE'LL FIND OUT WHEN WE'VE FOUND HIM-- AND I KNOW HOW! WARM UP THE BATPLANE WHILE I DO A COUPLE OF THINGS.'
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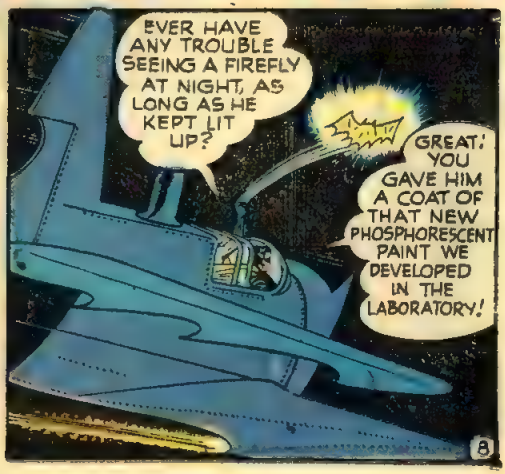
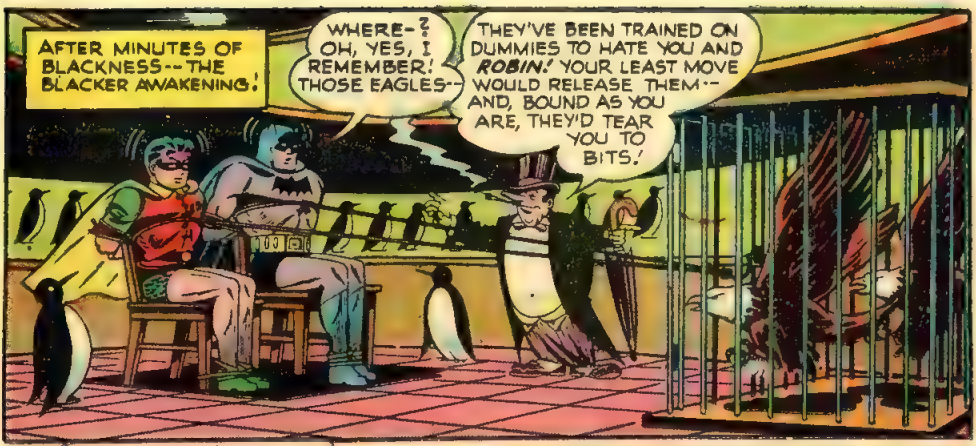
THRUST FORWARD BY SUPER-JETS, THE ONE AND ONLY BATPLANE RACES ACROSS THE SKIES -- CARRYING THIS TIME A LIVE BAT.'
BATS WILL FLY HUNDREDS OF MILES BY INSTINCT TO FIND THEIR OWN KIND, ROBIN.' IF THE PENGUIN HAS OTHERS, THIS ONE WILL LEAD US TO THEM!
BUT HOW CAN WE FLY ON THE TRAIL OF A BAT AT NIGHT?

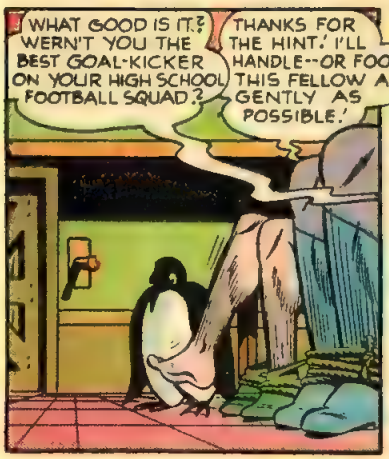

EVER HAVE ANY TROUBLE SEEING A FIREFLY AT NIGHT, AS LONG AS HE KEPT LIT UP?
GREAT! YOU GAVE HIM A COAT OF THAT NEW PHOSPHORESCENT PAINT WE DEVELOPED IN THE LABORATORY!

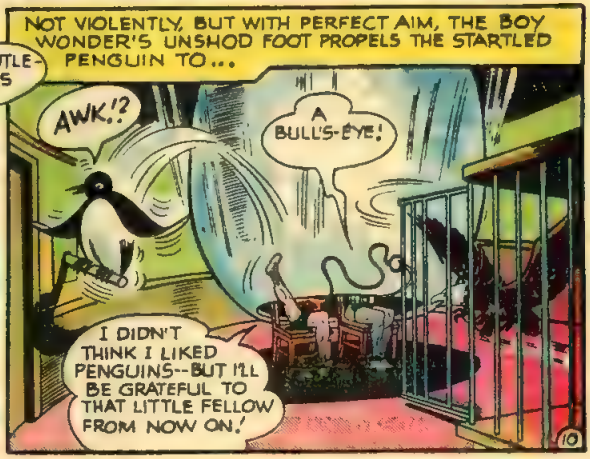
SO PRESENTLY...
HOO?
JUST US, CHUM!
BUT THE PENGUIN, RETURNING FROM A SECRET MISSION, IS FOREWARNED...
SO THEY FOUND MY ROOST, DID THEY? WELL, I'M PREPARED FOR VISITS OF THIS KIND!
NEXT INSTANT...
YOU'LL FIND ME AN EGGCELLENT HOST.' TEE-HEE.'
YOU GRINNING JAILBIRD.'
WHA—? HEADS UP!
BATMAN AND ROBIN! SO HAPPY TO HAVE YOU AS GUESTS.'
COUGH.' COUGH.'
I'M CHOKING!
A HARMLESS GAS—BUT IT'LL LEAVE THEM HARMLESS LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO ARRANGE THINGS!


AFTER MINUTES OF BLACKNESS--THE BLACKER AWAKENING!
WHERE-? OH, YES, I REMEMBER! THOSE EAGLES--
THEY'VE BEEN TRAINED ON DUMMIES TO HATE YOU AND ROBIN! YOUR LEAST MOVE WOULD RELEASE THEM--AND, BOUND AS YOU ARE, THEY'D TEAR YOU TO BITS!

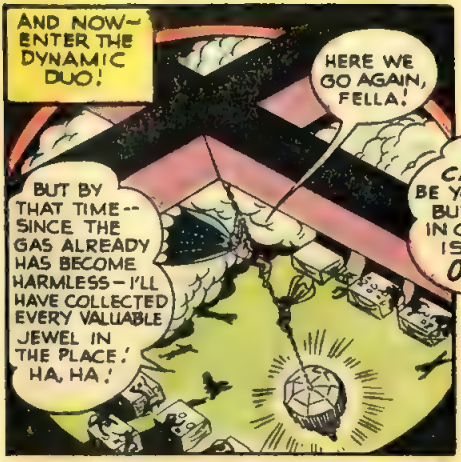
NOW FOR THE LAST OF MY "SIGNATURE CRIMES," USING NIGHTINGALES.' N IS FOR NIGHTINGALE! AND JUST FOR LUCK, I'M TAKING THIS NOCTULE BAT ALONG--AND USING THE BATPLANE INSTEAD OF MY OWN.'

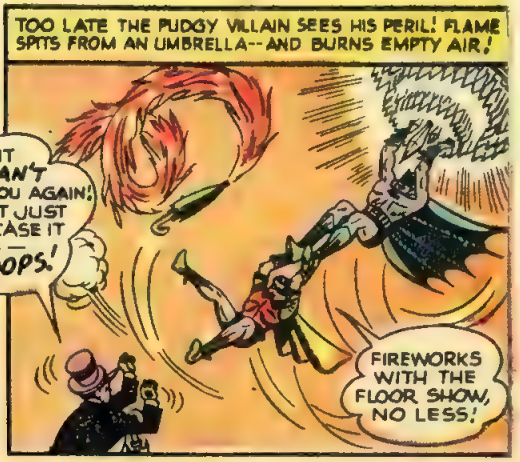
MOVING CAUTIOUSLY, LEST THEY FREE THE ENRAGED EAGLES, THE CAPTIVE CRIME-FIGHTERS STRUGGLE--AND SWEAT.'
I'VE GOT ONE LEG FREE BY PULLING IT OUT OF MY SHOE--BUT WHAT GOOD IS IT?
NO GAS IN THAT PLASTIC EGG NOW! THE EGG WOULD SHIELD US--IF WE COULD REACH THE LEVER THAT LOWERS IT.'

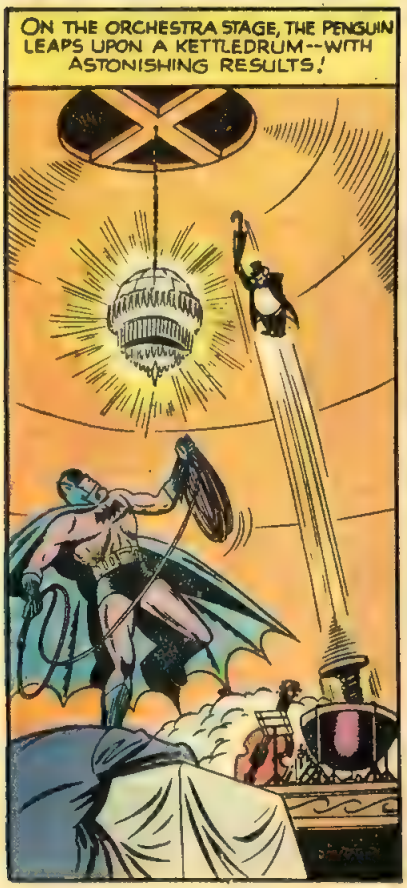

WHAT GOOD IS IT? WERN'T YOU THE BEST GOAL-KICKER ON YOUR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SQUAD?
THANKS FOR THE HINT.' I'LL HANDLE--OR FOOTLE--THIS FELLOW AS GENTLY AS POSSIBLE.'

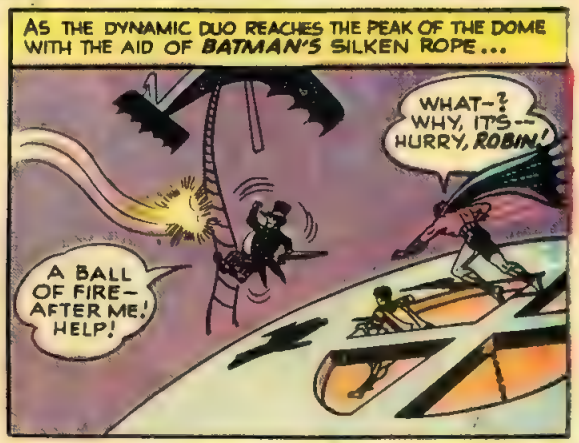

NOT VIOLENTLY, BUT WITH PERFECT AIM, THE BOY WONDER'S UNSHOD FOOT PROPELS THE STARTLED PENGUIN TO...
AWK!?
A BULL'S-EYE!
I DIDN'T THINK I LIKED PENGUINS--BUT I'LL BE GRATEFUL TO THAT LITTLE FELLOW FROM NOW ON.'

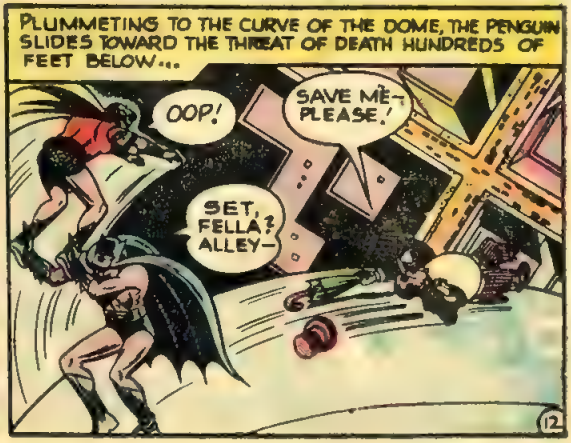
HITCHING THEIR CHAIRS BACK TO BACK, THE PRISONERS WORK ON ONE ANOTHER'S BONDS WITH A KNOW-HOW BORN OF LONG PRACTICE...
IF WE CAN MAKE IT, I CAN GUESS WHERE THE PENGUIN'S HEADING—AND HE SAID HE HAD A PLANE!
WE CAN MAKE IT! THE KNOTS ARE LOOSENING ALREADY!
WHAT ABOUT THE EAGLES?
FEND THEM OFF WITH A CHAIR—BUT DON'T WASTE TIME FIGHTING THEM FOR THE FUN OF IT!
THEN, BOARDING THE PENGUIN'S OWN PLANE...
MORE FUN THAN A ROLLER COASTER! THAT DOME'S THE PLACE, EH?
IT'S THE CLUB NIGHTINGALE, OPENING TONIGHT—AND I SUSPECT THE PENGUIN IS OPENING IT!
BENEATH THE CRYSTAL DOME OF THE LOFTY GOTHAM TOWER, A GLITTERING THRONG HAS GATHERED FOR THE NIGHT CLUB OPENING...
THAT MUST BE GUINPEN, THE MASKED MASTER OF CEREMONIES THE ADVERTISEMENTS TOLD ABOUT!
MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, DEAR PEOPLE?
A CIRCULAR SWEEP OF A REMARKABLE UMBRELLA AND AS IF BY MAGIC, CAGES OPEN AND FEATHERED SONGSTERS DART INTO THE DOME...
IT ISN'T MAGIC, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—IT'S ONLY A MAGNETIC WAVE!
OH, CADWALLADER—ALL THOSE NIGHTINGALES—ISN'T THAT CUTE?
BUT WHAT'S THIS?... NEAR-INVISIBLE THREADS SNAP AS WINGS BRUSH THEM—AND A SHOWER OF EGG-BOMBS DESCENDS!
EGGS—FILLED WITH GAS! I—CAN'T BREATHE—
MERELY A PARALYSIS GAS, CHUMPS, EFFECTIVE WITHIN A THREE-FOOT RADIUS! YOU'LL WAKE UP IN TEN MINUTES!


AND NOW—ENTER THE DYNAMIC DUO!
HERE WE GO AGAIN, FELLA!
IT CAN'T BE YOU AGAIN! BUT JUST IN CASE IT IS— OOPS!
BUT BY THAT TIME—SINCE THE GAS ALREADY HAS BECOME HARMLESS—I'LL HAVE COLLECTED EVERY VALUABLE JEWEL IN THE PLACE! HA, HA!


TOO LATE THE PUDGY VILLAIN SEES HIS PERIL! FLAME SPITS FROM AN UMBRELLA—AND BURNS EMPTY AIR!
FIREWORKS WITH THE FLOOR SHOW, NO LESS!


ON THE ORCHESTRA STAGE, THE PENGUIN LEAPS UPON A KETTLEDRUM—WITH ASTONISHING RESULTS!


AS THE DYNAMIC DUO REACHES THE PEAK OF THE DOME WITH THE AID OF BATMAN'S SILKEN ROPE...
WHAT—? WHY, IT'S—HURRY, ROBIN!
A BALL OF FIRE—AFTER ME! HELP!


PLUMMETING TO THE CURVE OF THE DOME, THE PENGUIN SLIDES TOWARD THE THREAT OF DEATH HUNDREDS OF FEET BELOW...
OOP!
SAVE ME—PLEASE!
SET, FELLA? ALLEY—

THOUGH MATCHLESS ACROBATS AND PARTNERS IN PERIL, SELDOM HAS THE PRECISION PAIR PERFORMED SO PERILOUSLY! A PLUNGE... A SICKENING SLIDE... AND AT THE VERY EDGE OF THE ABYSS...

GOT YOU! HOLD TIGHT!

D-D-DON'T W-W-WORRY! I W-W-WILL!

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THE WILL STATES THE PENGUIN MUST COMMIT CRIMES USING BIRDS WHOSE INITIALS SPELLED OUT HIS OWN NAME, IF HE WANTED THE BONDS! THE PENGUIN DID—AND HERE THEY ARE!

BUT--BUT THESE ARE *WORTHLESS!* I PRINTED THEM *MYSELF!*

MILLER MUST HAVE STOLEN THEM FROM SOMEONE YOU'D DEFRAUDED--AND DECIDED TO USE THEM FOR REVENGE WHEN YOUR TESTIMONY SENT HIM TO THE CHAIR! HE KNEW YOUR GREED WOULD BE STRONGER THAN YOUR JUDGMENT!

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YET, EVEN IN THIS DARK MOMENT, THE PECULIAR PENGUIN CAN LAUGH!

YOU IMPORTED NOCTULE BATS TO FOOL US ABOUT THE SPELLING --AND ONE OF THEM, IN LUMINOUS PAINT, SCARED YOU INTO FALLING! IT WAS FOLLOWING ITS MATE— WHICH YOU TOOK WITH YOU AS A JOKE ON ME!

AND IT TURNED INTO A JOKE ON ME! HA-HA-HA!

WHAT A SENSE OF HUMOR!

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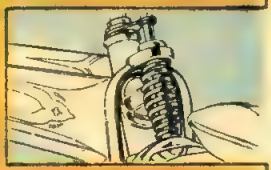

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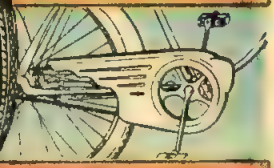

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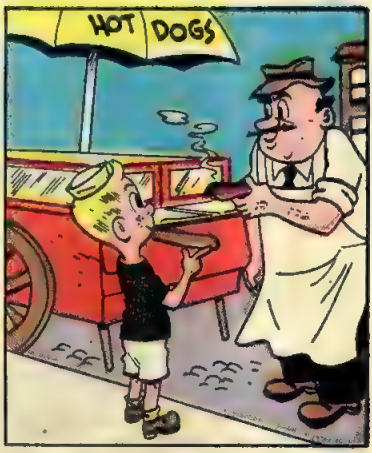
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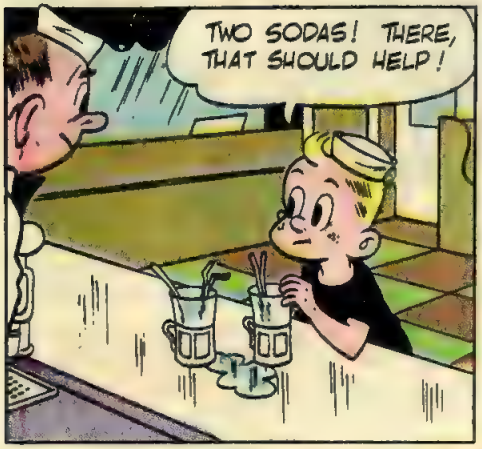
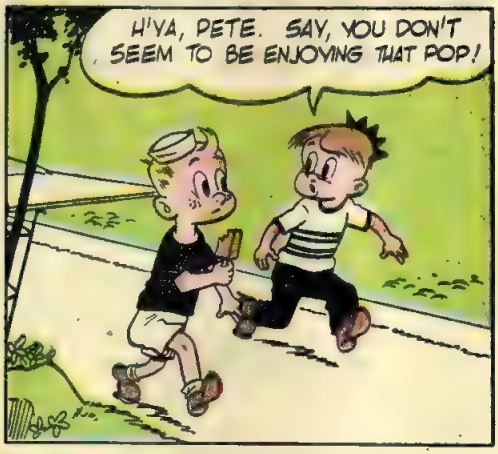
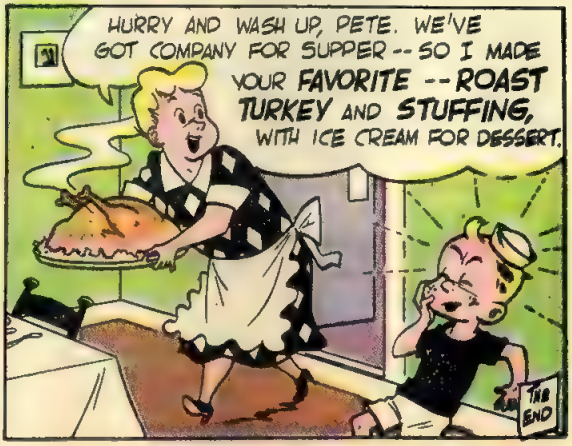

TWO SODAS! THERE, THAT SHOULD HELP!


H'YA, PETE. SAY, YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE ENJOYING THAT POP!

I'M NOT! I'M STUFFED TO THE EARS WITH CANDY AND SODAS. MY MOM'S MAKIN' SOMETHIN' FOR SUPPER I DON'T LIKE, SO I'M SPOILING MY APPETITE!


HURRY AND WASH UP, PETE. WE'VE GOT COMPANY FOR SUPPER -- SO I MADE YOUR FAVORITE -- ROAST TURKEY AND STUFFING, WITH ICE CREAM FOR DESSERT.
THE END

"WE made up our minds at the last minute to go to Buenos Aires yesterday. Dad had something to talk over with the South American office, and wanted to do it in person; we had a quick lunch at home, and made Buenos Aires before dinner."

And that, readers, could very well be an excerpt from a letter *you* will write some years from now. It probably doesn't surprise you. We have, in this age of science, come to accept almost anything in the way of predictions about the world of the future. Anyway, before you know it, the world of the future becomes the world of the present. In our grandfathers' day, almost everybody took a very dim view of "progress." Telephones, radios, automobiles, electricity, and flying were all considered nightmares of impractical dreamers. Even when they made their appearance, there were still a few diehards who maintained stubbornly that these "newfangled" inventions would soon disappear.

But in this day and age, nothing is impossible. We are on the brink of the *rocket age*. During the last war, we became accustomed to the work of rockets —deadly work, and terrifying. Now, however, with the hope of eternal peace in mind, scientists are beginning to see the actuality of putting rockets to work for humanity instead of against it. Soon, we may very well be seeing the rocket age with its many contributions to a better way of life.

Ten years ago, there were scientists who claimed that jet-propelled craft couldn't work. Now, scientists are talking of reaching other planets, such as Mars and Venus.

You may ask, to what uses can rockets be put? Aside from super-speed for world-girdling passengers, there must be some other practical reasons for rockets.

Actually, scientists are thinking of rocket travel, not so much for people, as for research into cosmic problems, hitherto never solved.

Within a few months, a well-developed course in rocket study will start at two of the nation's leading centers for rocket research. Princeton University and the California Institute of Technology will turn their attention to the planning of peacetime rocket uses.

One of the outstanding phases of rocket research is high altitude findings. From New Mexico, V-2 rockets have zoomed off into the stratosphere, carrying photographic equipment, instruments of all kinds for weather measuring, and other gadgets for determining what goes on above us. A recent trip

by a V-2 rocket is known to have soared 250 *miles upwards* into space.

Weather may be forecast exclusively by rockets in the not too distant future. The method used today is balloon ascension. Instruments are placed in the balloon, which is sent aloft. But the balloon has many disadvantages for weather findings. They tend to drift and are subject to all sorts of uncertainties. Small rockets, it is hoped, may be put into use for meteorological experiments. They could penetrate any kind of weather, and would be controlled in such a way that they would bring back weather reports to a designated spot.

High altitude rockets have already proved to be of enormous value in photography, mapping problems, searching for lost aircraft, etc.

Not long ago, rockets bearing photographic equipment reached altitudes of 60 to 80 miles, returned to earth, and revealed many things. The camera is usually smashed in such trips back to earth, but the film is always intact.

Astronomers, too, are very excited about the future of high altitude rockets. At this time, astronomers have had to be content with pictures and sights of the sun, stars, and planets through a thick haze of the earth's atmosphere—some 200 miles of it to be exact. By day, the stars are invisible because of sunlight. By night, the impressions of the stars reach us without many of their natural characteristics, such as ultraviolet and other wave-lengths. It is hoped that rocket photography may disclose the nature of the universe.

Other hopes that may become realities are the swift delivery of mail all over the world, transportation of express items, etc., that bid fair to make the telegraph system look obsolete.

But even more exciting to contemplate, of course, is the idea of you rocketing around from here to there just as comfortably and calmly as you might ride a bike or take a train trip.

Experiments being conducted now give evidence that there will be a long-range rocket craft for passenger use. Such transcontinental or trans-oceanic flights will be the final and hopeful goal of a true One World.

You want to spend an afternoon with a Chinese farmer, watch the machine production in a factory in Hungary, buy some cheese in Denmark, bring a gift back for Susy from Persia? Rocket away! The time is near.

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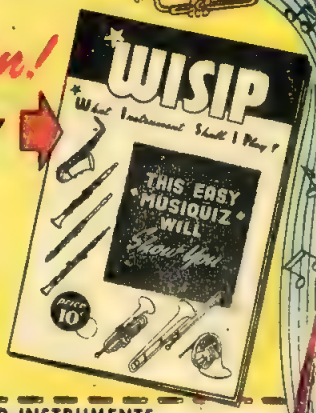

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WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-
BOB KANE
WE DON'T NEED YOU ON THIS CASE, BATMAN.' WE'VE GOT AN EXPERT!
FOR YEARS, THE MIGHTIEST ALLIES OF THE POLICE IN THEIR UNCEASING WAR AGAINST THE UNDERWORLD HAVE BEEN THE WORLD'S GREATEST CRIME-CRUSHERS--THE BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER! ALWAYS, THE POLICE HAVE BEEN GRATEFUL FOR THE INTREPID DUO'S HELP--ALWAYS, UNTIL NOW! FOR SUDDENLY THE DYNAMIC DUO IS OUTDONE BY AN AMATEUR SLEUTH THE POLICE REGARD AS...
"A GREATER DETECTIVE THAN BATMAN!"

IN THEIR PRIVATE GYM, BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON ARE ENGAGED IN THEIR REGULAR DAILY WORKOUT...
A SWELL IDEA TO WORK OUT TO RADIO MUSIC, BRUCE!
POOL
IT HELPS GET THE NECESSARY RHYTHM, ALL RIGHT.'
SUDDENLY, A STARTLING INTERRUPTION BREAKS THEIR ROUTINE!
WE INTERRUPT THE MUSIC FOR A NEWS-FLASH! THE NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL "SPECS" ROSE JUST STAGED A ROBBERY OF INDUSTRIAL DIAMONDS DOWNTOWN!
"SPECS" ROSE ON THE LOOSE AGAIN! THAT MEANS COMMISSIONER GORDON WILL BE CALLING FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN!
A SWIFT CHANGE OF COSTUME, AND FROM THE HIDDEN BATCAVE ROLLS THE MIGHTY BAT-MOBILE!
THAT'S FUNNY--I DON'T SEE THE BAT SIGNAL CALLING US YET.'
IT WILL, IN A MOMENT.'
BUT AS MINUTES PASS, AND THE DUO RACES INTO GOTHAM CITY...
STILL NO BAT-SIGNAL! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE POLICE?
WE'LL SOON FIND OUT.'
POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS
YOU DIDN'T CALL US BY THE BAT-SIGNAL, COMMISSIONER, BUT WE CAME ANYWAY WHEN WE HEARD OF THAT ROBBERY.'
WE DIDN'T CALL YOU, BATMAN, BECAUSE WE DIDN'T NEED YOU! JACK STARR, THE GOTHAM EXPRESS CRIME REPORTER, HAS ALREADY CRACKED THE CASE.'
COMMISSIONER GORDON
WHAT, ALREADY? THAT'S MIGHTY FAST WORK, STARR!
IT WAS NOTHING, REALLY!'
DON'T BE SO MODEST, STARR! IT WAS A BRILLIANT PIECE OF DETECTION! LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT IT, BATMAN!
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"IT STARTED WHEN SPECS ROSE SLUGGED THE WATCHMAN OF THE INDUSTRIAL DIAMOND COMPANY, RIGHT NEXT TO THE GOTHAM EXPRESS OFFICE!"
"THIS DESPERATE CRIMINAL FORCED THE SAFE AND CARRIED OFF SEVERAL BIG CASES OF INDUSTRIAL DIAMONDS USED IN DRILLS, WORTH THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS!"
"CRIME REPORTER JACK STARR, FROM THE EXPRESS NEXT DOOR, WAS ON THE SCENE FIRST, AND FOUND A CLUE!"
SAY, THIS SLIP IS A TOLL-BRIDGE RECEIPT! IF THE BANDIT CAME THAT WAY, HE'D GO BACK THE SAME WAY TO HIS HIDEOUT!
"STARR PHONED THAT BRIDGE IN TIME TO HAVE ALL CARS BLOCKED AND SEARCHED, AND...
ALL CARS MUST SUBMIT TO SEARCH!
TOLL 25¢
I'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE!
SPECS ESCAPED ON FOOT, BUT HIS CASES OF LOOT WERE TOO HEAVY TO CARRY AND SO WE RECOVERED THEM--THANKS TO JACK STARR!
GEE, MR. STARR, THAT WAS SLICK SLEUTHING!
YOU SAVED OUR INSURANCE COMPANY SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS, MR. STARR! WE THANK YOU!
COME ON, ROBIN... THEY DON'T NEED US NOW!
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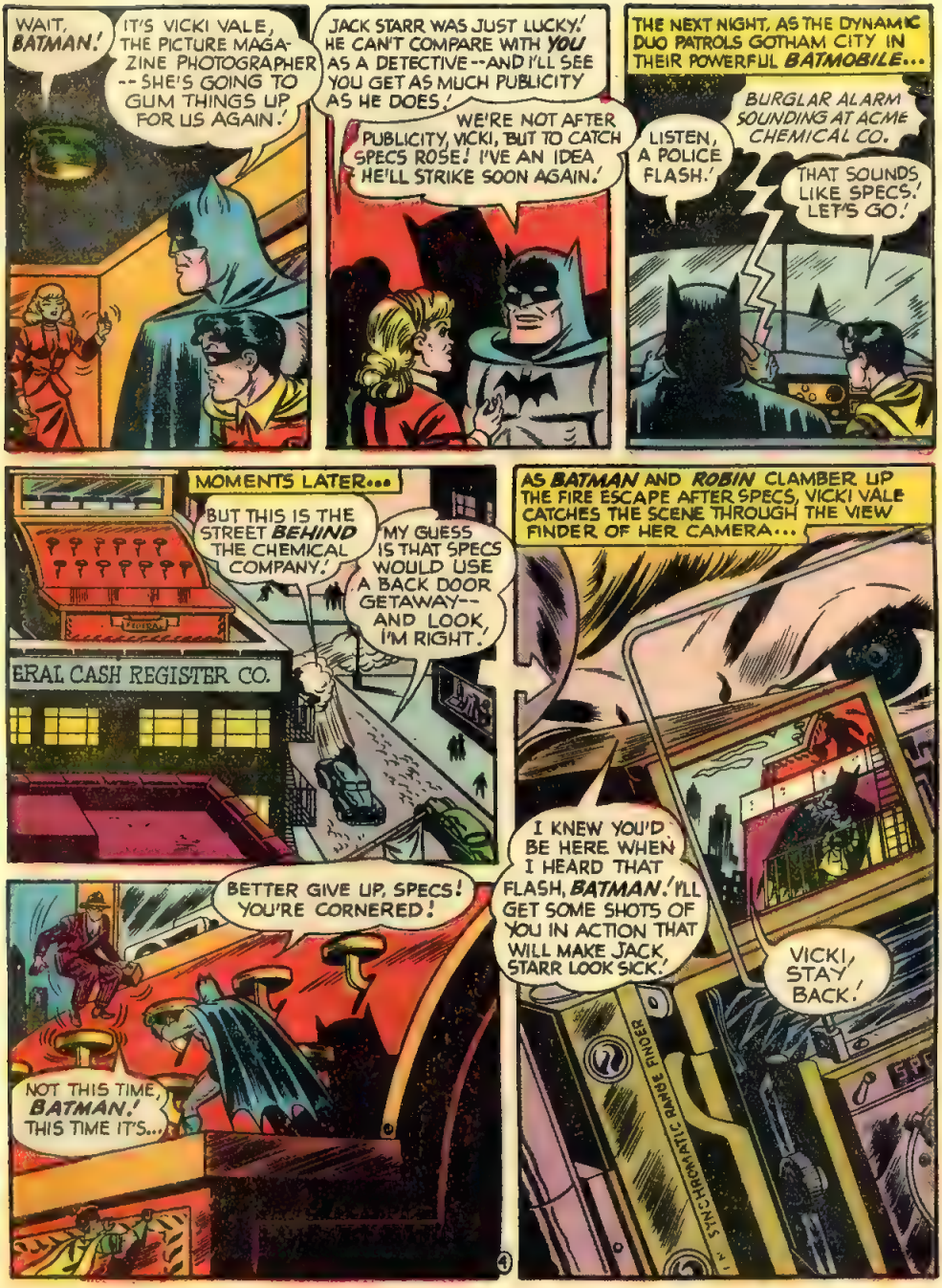
WAIT, BATMAN!
IT'S VICKI VALE, THE PICTURE MAGAZINE PHOTOGRAPHER -- SHE'S GOING TO GUM THINGS UP FOR US AGAIN.
JACK STARR WAS JUST LUCKY! HE CAN'T COMPARE WITH YOU AS A DETECTIVE -- AND I'LL SEE YOU GET AS MUCH PUBLICITY AS HE DOES!
WE'RE NOT AFTER PUBLICITY, VICKI, BUT TO CATCH SPECS ROSE! I'VE AN IDEA HE'LL STRIKE SOON AGAIN!
THE NEXT NIGHT, AS THE DYNAMIC DUO PATROLS GOTHAM CITY IN THEIR POWERFUL BATMOBILE...
LISTEN, A POLICE FLASH!
BURGLAR ALARM SOUNDING AT ACME CHEMICAL CO.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE SPECS! LET'S GO!
MOMENTS LATER...
BUT THIS IS THE STREET BEHIND THE CHEMICAL COMPANY!
MY GUESS IS THAT SPECS WOULD USE A BACK DOOR GETAWAY -- AND LOOK, I'M RIGHT.
ERAL CASH REGISTER CO.
AS BATMAN AND ROBIN CLAMBER UP THE FIRE ESCAPE AFTER SPECS, VICKI VALE CATCHES THE SCENE THROUGH THE VIEW FINDER OF HER CAMERA...
I KNEW YOU'D BE HERE WHEN I HEARD THAT FLASH, BATMAN! I'LL GET SOME SHOTS OF YOU IN ACTION THAT WILL MAKE JACK STARR LOOK SICK!
VICKI, STAY BACK!
BETTER GIVE UP, SPECS! YOU'RE CORNERED!
NOT THIS TIME, BATMAN! THIS TIME IT'S...
SYNCHROMATIC RANGE FINDER

...NO SALE"!
NO SALE
BONG!
HANG ON, ROBIN!
I'M SAFE IN THE CASH-DRAWER! DON'T WAIT FOR ME!
FEDERAL
WHAT A PICTURE!
BUT A CORNERED CROOK MAKES SUDDEN SINISTER USE OF THE CHEMICAL LOOT HE CARRIES!
THIS POWERFUL ACID WILL FIX THE GIRL UNLESS YOU LET ME BY!
I CAN'T TAKE CHANCES WITH HER--ALL RIGHT, I HAVE TO AGREE!
MOMENTS LATER, AS A BANDIT'S CAR RACES AWAY...
I COULD HAVE DODGED THE ACID! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE AGREED!
TO LATE TO CRY OVER SPILT MILK! MAYBE WE CAN GET A TRAIL TO SPECS AT THE SCENE OF THE ROBBERY!
I KNEW SHE'D PROVE A PEST!
BUT AT THE ROBBED CHEMICAL COMPANY, COMMISSIONER GORDON BARS BATMAN AND ROBIN FROM ENTERING...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN--WE'RE NOT WANTED ON THE CASE?
I'M SORRY, BATMAN--BUT THE INSURANCE COMPANY PREFERS JACK STARR TO WORK ON IT! REMEMBER, HE RECOVERED THE LOOT FOR THEM LAST TIME!
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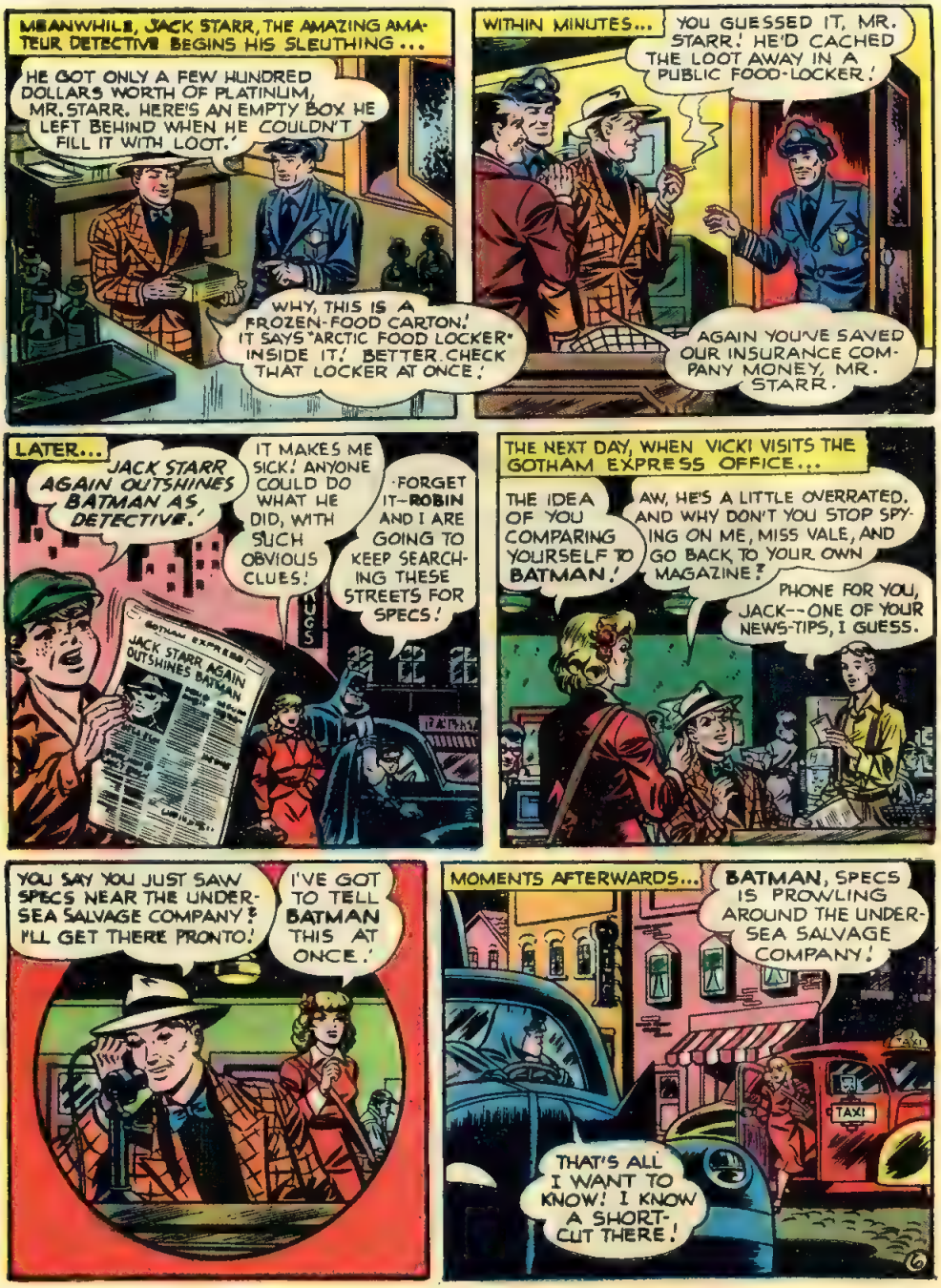
MEANWHILE, JACK STARR, THE AMAZING AMATEUR DETECTIVE BEGINS HIS SLEUTHING...
HE GOT ONLY A FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS WORTH OF PLATINUM, MR. STARR. HERE'S AN EMPTY BOX HE LEFT BEHIND WHEN HE COULDN'T FILL IT WITH LOOT.'
WHY, THIS IS A FROZEN-FOOD CARTON! IT SAYS "ARCTIC FOOD LOCKER" INSIDE IT! BETTER CHECK THAT LOCKER AT ONCE!
WITHIN MINUTES...
YOU GUESSED IT, MR. STARR! HE'D CACHED THE LOOT AWAY IN A PUBLIC FOOD-LOCKER!
AGAIN YOU'VE SAVED OUR INSURANCE COMPANY MONEY, MR. STARR.
LATER...
JACK STARR AGAIN OUTSHINES BATMAN AS DETECTIVE.
IT MAKES ME SICK! ANYONE COULD DO WHAT HE DID, WITH SUCH OBVIOUS CLUES!
FORGET IT—ROBIN AND I ARE GOING TO KEEP SEARCHING THESE STREETS FOR SPECS!
GOTHAM EXPRESS
JACK STARR AGAIN OUTSHINES BATMAN
HUGS
BATWAY
THE NEXT DAY, WHEN VICKI VISITS THE GOTHAM EXPRESS OFFICE...
THE IDEA OF YOU COMPARING YOURSELF TO BATMAN!
AW, HE'S A LITTLE OVERRATED. AND WHY DON'T YOU STOP SPYING ON ME, MISS VALE, AND GO BACK TO YOUR OWN MAGAZINE!
PHONE FOR YOU, JACK—ONE OF YOUR NEWS-TIPS, I GUESS.
YOU SAY YOU JUST SAW SPECS NEAR THE UNDERSEA SALVAGE COMPANY? I'LL GET THERE PRONTO!
I'VE GOT TO TELL BATMAN THIS AT ONCE.'
MOMENTS AFTERWARDS...
BATMAN, SPECS IS PROWLING AROUND THE UNDERSEA SALVAGE COMPANY!
TAXI
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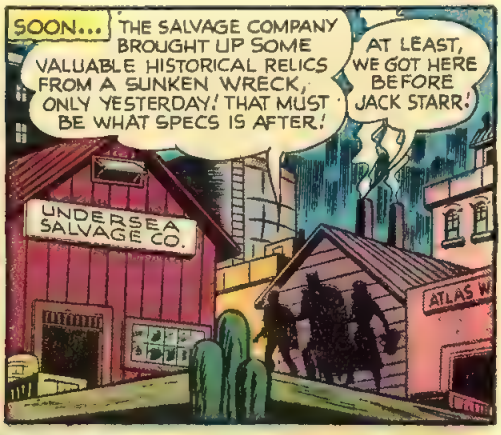
THAT'S ALL I WANT TO KNOW! I KNOW A SHORTCUT THERE!

HEY, WHO TOLD YOU TO COME ALONG?
I'M GOING TO BE THERE TO PHOTOGRAPH IT WHEN YOU GRAB SPECS AND MAKE JACK STARR LOOK SILLY!


SOON... THE SALVAGE COMPANY BROUGHT UP SOME VALUABLE HISTORICAL RELICS FROM A SUNKEN WRECK, ONLY YESTERDAY! THAT MUST BE WHAT SPECS IS AFTER!
AT LEAST, WE GOT HERE BEFORE JACK STARR!
UNDERSEA SALVAGE CO.
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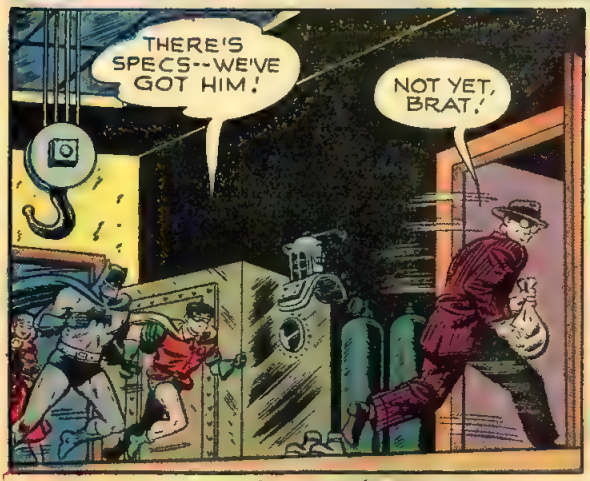
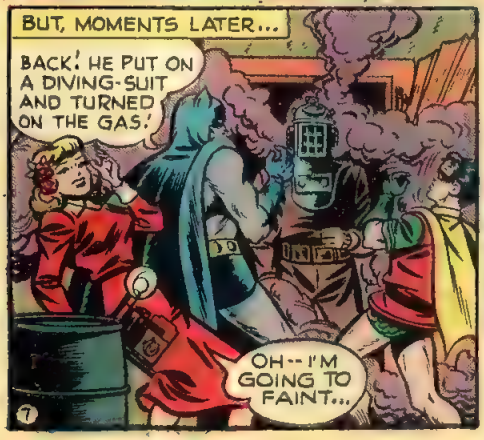
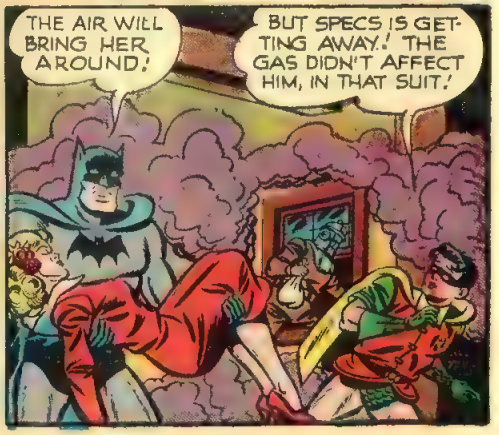
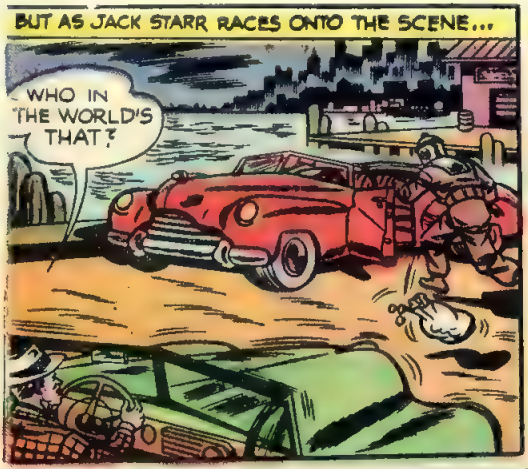
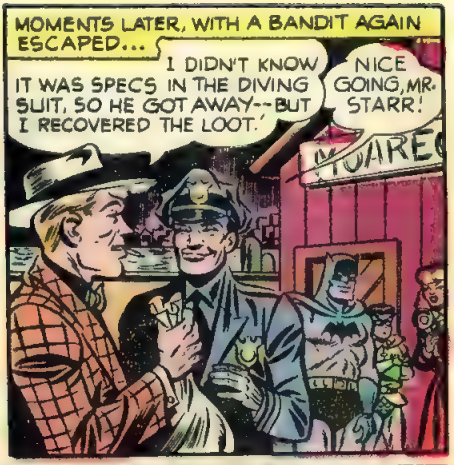

THERE'S SPECS--WE'VE GOT HIM!
NOT YET, BRAT!

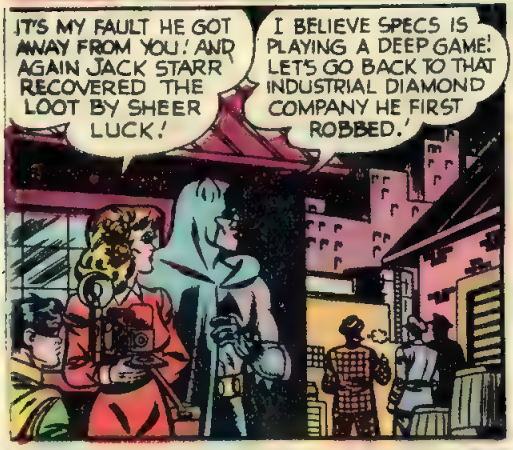
THE SWIFT SLAM OF A DOOR AND...
HE'S TRAPPED, THIS TIME! THAT ROOM IS JUST A STORAGE ROOM AND HAS NO EXIT!
I'LL GET AN AXE TO BREAK OPEN THE DOOR!

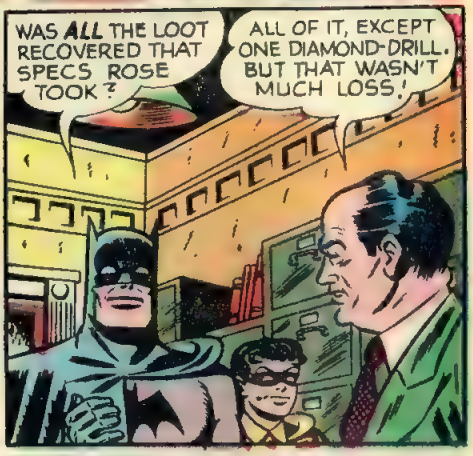

BUT, MOMENTS LATER...
BACK! HE PUT ON A DIVING-SUIT AND TURNED ON THE GAS!
OH--I'M GOING TO FAINT...

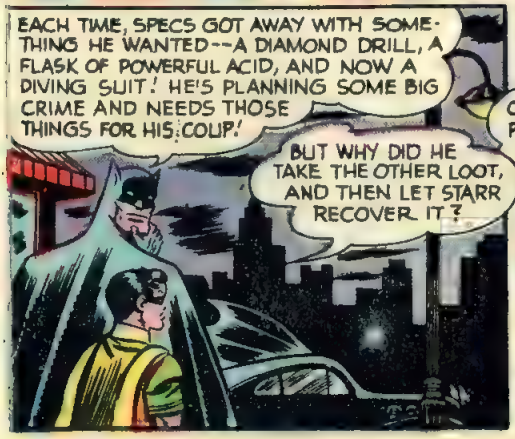

THE AIR WILL BRING HER AROUND!
BUT SPECS IS GETTING AWAY! THE GAS DIDN'T AFFECT HIM, IN THAT SUIT!

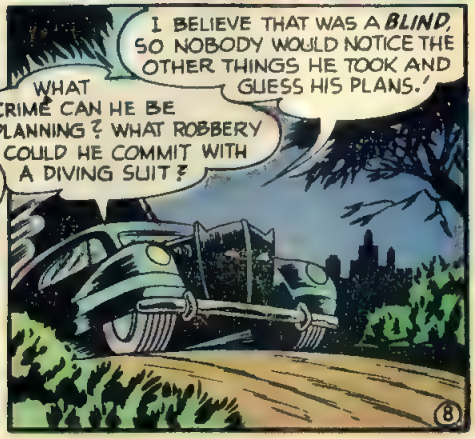

BUT AS JACK STARR RACES ONTO THE SCENE...
WHO IN THE WORLD'S THAT?

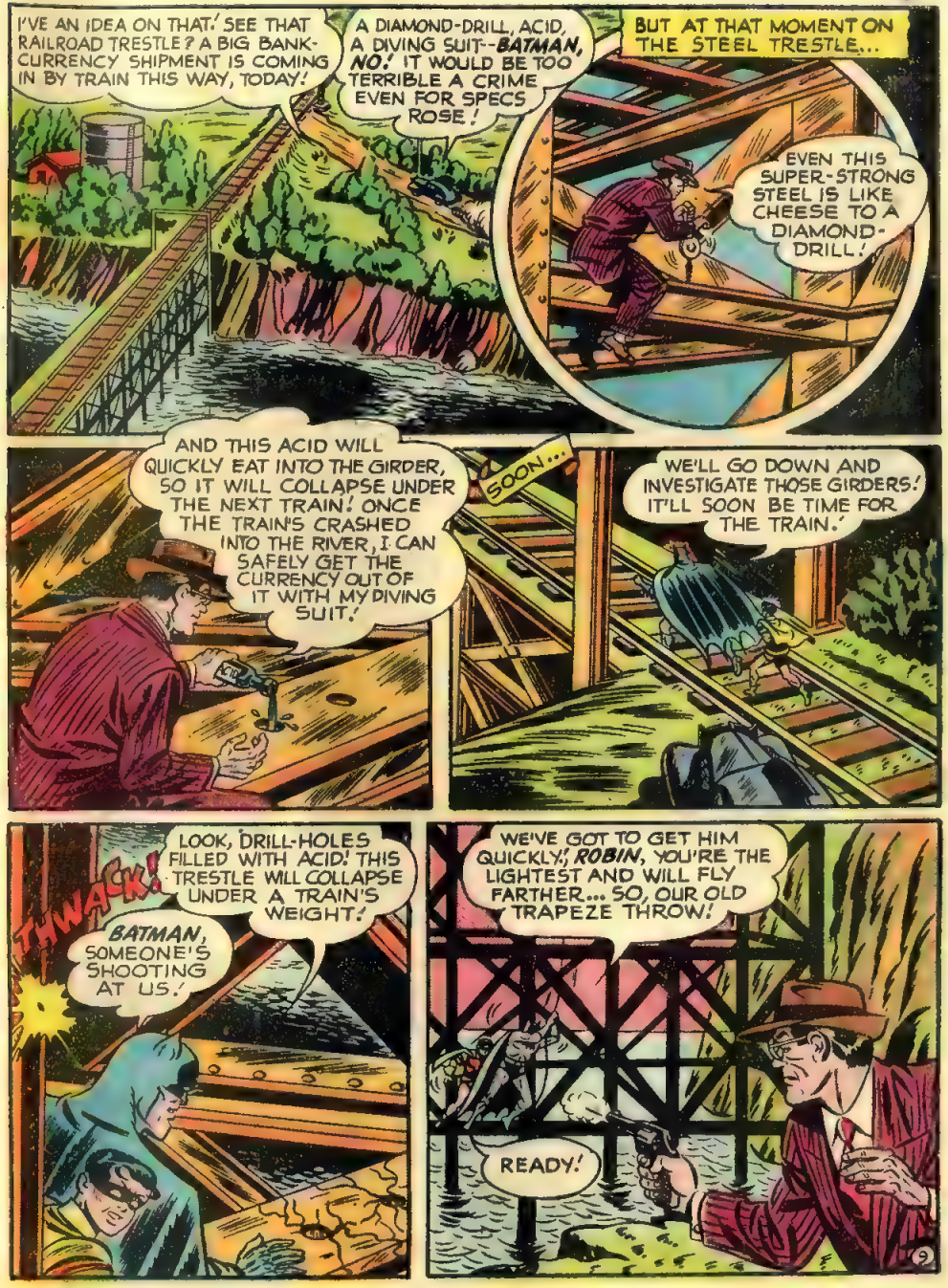

MOMENTS LATER, WITH A BANDIT AGAIN ESCAPED...
I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS SPECS IN THE DIVING SUIT, SO HE GOT AWAY--BUT I RECOVERED THE LOOT.'
NICE GOING, MR. STARR!

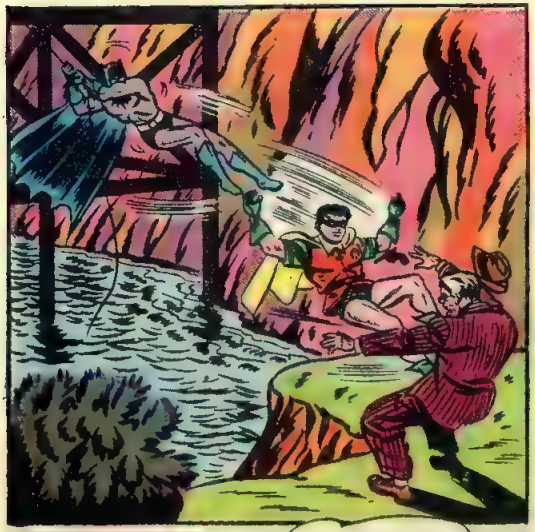

IT'S MY FAULT HE GOT AWAY FROM YOU! AND AGAIN JACK STARR RECOVERED THE LOOT BY SHEER LUCK!
I BELIEVE SPECS IS PLAYING A DEEP GAME! LET'S GO BACK TO THAT INDUSTRIAL DIAMOND COMPANY HE FIRST ROBBED.'

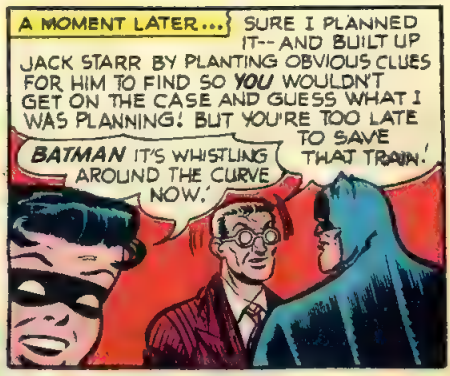

WAS ALL THE LOOT RECOVERED THAT SPECS ROSE TOOK?
ALL OF IT, EXCEPT ONE DIAMOND-DRILL. BUT THAT WASN'T MUCH LOSS.!

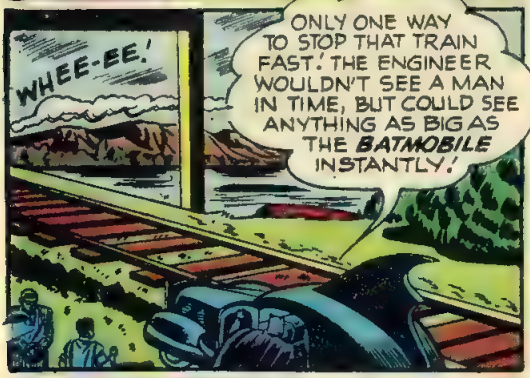

EACH TIME, SPECS GOT AWAY WITH SOMETHING HE WANTED--A DIAMOND DRILL, A FLASK OF POWERFUL ACID, AND NOW A DIVING SUIT! HE'S PLANNING SOME BIG CRIME AND NEEDS THOSE THINGS FOR HIS COUP!
BUT WHY DID HE TAKE THE OTHER LOOT, AND THEN LET STARR RECOVER IT?

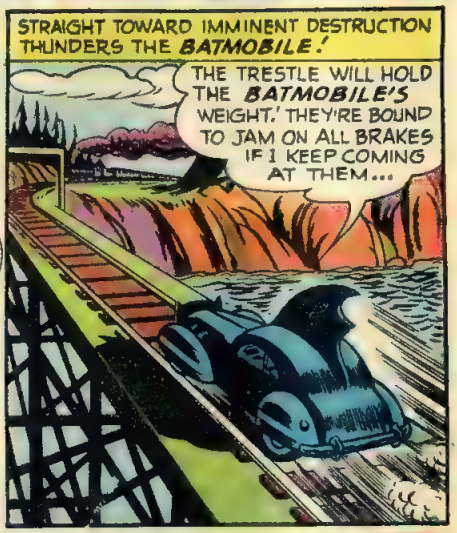

I BELIEVE THAT WAS A BLIND, SO NOBODY WOULD NOTICE THE OTHER THINGS HE TOOK AND GUESS HIS PLANS.'
WHAT CRIME CAN HE BE PLANNING? WHAT ROBBERY COULD HE COMMIT WITH A DIVING SUIT?


I'VE AN IDEA ON THAT! SEE THAT RAILROAD TRESTLE? A BIG BANK-CURRENCY SHIPMENT IS COMING IN BY TRAIN THIS WAY, TODAY!
A DIAMOND-DRILL, ACID, A DIVING SUIT--BATMAN, NO! IT WOULD BE TOO TERRIBLE A CRIME EVEN FOR SPECS ROSE!
BUT AT THAT MOMENT ON THE STEEL TRESTLE...
EVEN THIS SUPER-STRONG STEEL IS LIKE CHEESE TO A DIAMOND-DRILL!
AND THIS ACID WILL QUICKLY EAT INTO THE GIRDER, SO IT WILL COLLAPSE UNDER THE NEXT TRAIN! ONCE THE TRAIN'S CRASHED INTO THE RIVER, I CAN SAFELY GET THE CURRENCY OUT OF IT WITH MY DIVING SUIT!
SOON...
WE'LL GO DOWN AND INVESTIGATE THOSE GIRDERS! IT'LL SOON BE TIME FOR THE TRAIN!
THWACK!
LOOK, DRILL-HOLES FILLED WITH ACID! THIS TRESTLE WILL COLLAPSE UNDER A TRAIN'S WEIGHT!
BATMAN, SOMEONE'S SHOOTING AT US!
WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM QUICKLY! ROBIN, YOU'RE THE LIGHTEST AND WILL FLY FARTHER... SO, OUR OLD TRAPEZE THROW!
READY!




A MOMENT LATER...
SURE I PLANNED IT-- AND BUILT UP JACK STARR BY PLANTING OBVIOUS CLUES FOR HIM TO FIND SO YOU WOULDN'T GET ON THE CASE AND GUESS WHAT I WAS PLANNING! BUT YOU'RE TOO LATE TO SAVE THAT TRAIN.'
BATMAN IT'S WHISTLING AROUND THE CURVE NOW.'


WHEE-EE.
ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP THAT TRAIN FAST.' THE ENGINEER WOULDN'T SEE A MAN IN TIME, BUT COULD SEE ANYTHING AS BIG AS THE BATMOBILE INSTANTLY.'


STRAIGHT TOWARD IMMINENT DESTRUCTION THUNDERS THE BATMOBILE.'
THE TRESTLE WILL HOLD THE BATMOBILE'S WEIGHT.' THEY'RE BOUND TO JAM ON ALL BRAKES IF I KEEP COMING AT THEM...

SCREECH!
...TILL THE LAST SECOND.'
THEY'RE STOPPING THE TRAIN IN TIME.'
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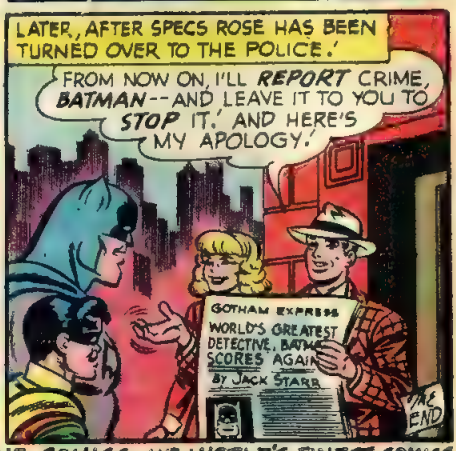
LATER, AFTER SPECS ROSE HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE POLICE.'
FROM NOW ON, I'LL REPORT CRIME, BATMAN--AND LEAVE IT TO YOU TO STOP IT.' AND HERE'S MY APOLOGY.'
GOTHAM EXPRESS
WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE, BATMAN SCORES AGAIN
BY JACK STARR
THE END

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